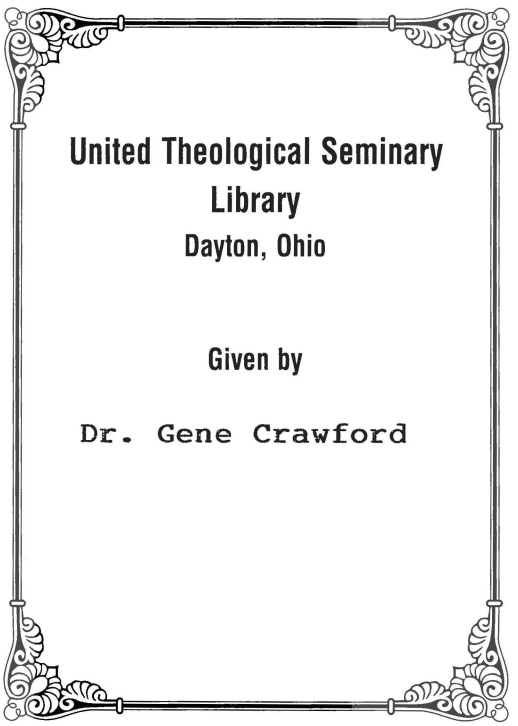
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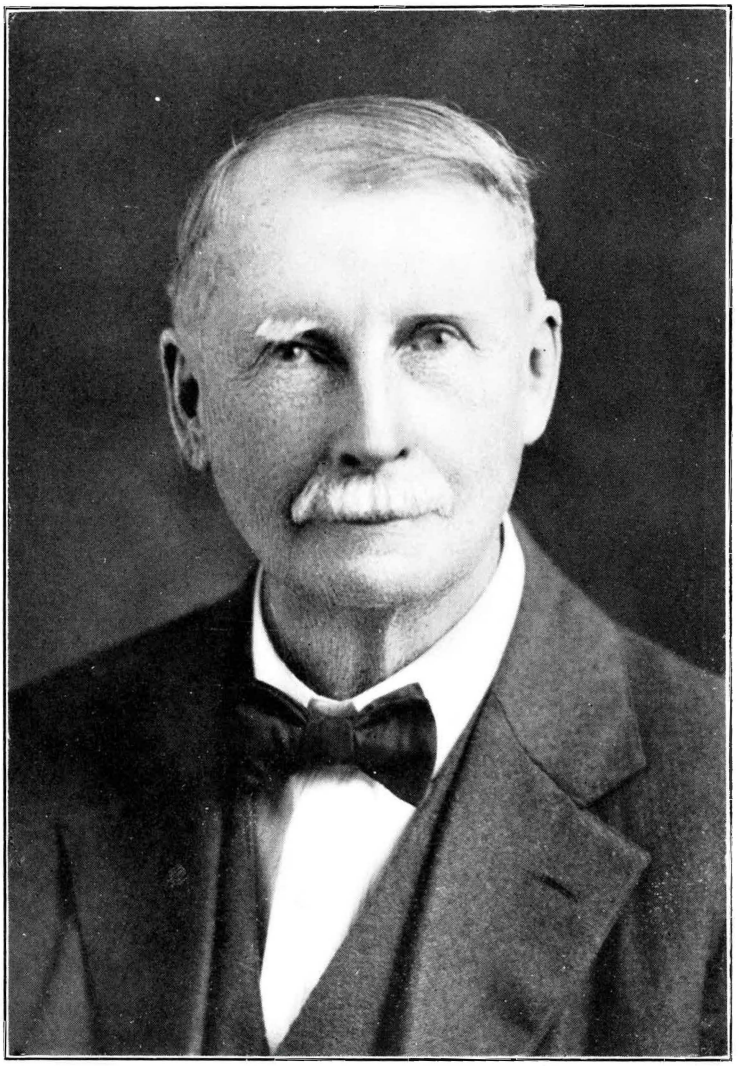

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PREFACE

THE White River Conference at its annual session in 1898 took steps toward the preparation of a brief history of the first half century of its existence. The conference chose the writer as historian, who proceeded to carry out the instructions of this authoritative body by preparing an account of the conference which was approved at its session of 1899, and printed in the minutes of that year. The account contained about eleven thousand words which filled thirty pages of the Official Record of 1899.

The conference of 1915 appointed Revs. Alonzo Myer, John A. Hawkins, Millard F. Dawson, John T. Roberts, and Lawrence O. Blake, a committee to consider the feasibility of publishing a history of the annual conference. This committee submitted a report at the same session recommending the publication of the history of White River Conference, and also recommended that the writer be authorized to collect the data and publish the history.

The report was unanimously adopted by the conference.

On account of the World War the work was postponed until the session of 1921, when the conference again appointed the writer to proceed with the collection of material, and the compilation of the history.

O. E. Evans, H. S. James, M. F. Dawson, A. C. Wilmore, and W. L. Waldo were chosen by the conference as a Historical Committee to look after the finances, select the material, and otherwise aid the historian in his work.

In complying with the action of the conference the writer proceeded to prepare the plans looking toward the accomplishment of the task to which he had been assigned by the conference.

We planned a complete historical survey of every local church in the conference, and began a systematic and thorough search for such material as would be of historical interest and value to the present and future generations.

The plans of the historian contemplated the division of the history into five parts.

In the execution of these plans the author has arranged this work into five parts. Part I, contains four chapters of General History; Part II, has five chapters on the history of the antecedent conferences; Part III, contains ten chapters on the history of the original White River Conference and its extensions; Part IV, is a compilation of the history of more than one hundred and eighty

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local churches in this conference; Part V, is a complete appointment record for the past one hundred years.

In the presentation of this work we call attention to the following features:

The book is designed, first of all, to give a brief synopsis of the proceedings of the annual sessions of the conference, and the year of admission, and departure of each member of the conference. This work contains about one hundred and fifty biographies, of prominent members of the conference, who have finished their life work, and have gone to their eternal reward. On account of the lack of time and space we have omitted the biographies of the living preachers.

On the other hand we have omitted the pictures of all the ministers who died prior to the time that the conference authorized the publication of this work, and have placed in this history the pictures of all those living ministers for whom half-tone cuts have been supplied, according to the requirements of the annual conference. The reader will doubtless be pleased to see the faces of more than one hundred ministers whose pictures appear in this book.

In this connection it is proper to state that the Historical Committee, in the absence of the historian, determined that a large size picture of the author should be placed in this history, and that the action of the committee was approved by the annual conference.

We have included the pictures of those church buildings which are of special historical interest, and would have used others if the pictures had been supplied for that purpose.

The material for this history has been gathered largely from conference records, and the different historical writers and periodicals of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. The other sources from which data has been gathered includes the standard historical works of Mosheim, Kurtz, Holmes, Cranz, Fisher, Schaff, Milner and Blackburn. We have gathered material from the International Cyclopedia, Britannica, Johnson and the Catholic Cyclopedia. We have also drawn from Nowlands History of Indianapolis, and the Indiana Magazine of History.

In one particular, however, we have entered a new field. We have made several journeys of exploration through Indiana, in quest of material in connection with the labors and sacrifices of the heroic pioneers as they have planted the standard of the Cross in the several localities where they settled.

We have devoted months of time in visiting the local churches and obtaining the data hitherto unrecorded by historical writers. We have located the graves, read the sacred inscriptions upon the

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tombstones and monuments, stood upon hallowed spots and viewed the cherished landmarks where our beloved United Brethren progenitors organized the local churches and laid the foundations for this great White River Conference. As a result of these explorations we are able to offer to our readers something entirely new in the church history of this State, a full and comprehensive account of the local churches of an entire conference, occupying one-third of the area of Indiana.

So far as we have been able to ascertain nothing of this kind has ever been accomplished before in the compilation of the historical writings of the religious denominations of this great State. It is therefore most gratifying that we are permitted to offer these historical accounts to the reader.

The outline herein given shows that this history extends through the entire eighty years of the existence of White River Conference. It is also a history of the activities of the United Brethren Church in the present territory of White River Conference for more than one hundred years, and is therefore a comprehensive history of the greater White River Conference.

This means much more than the history of a single annual conference. It is the whole history of the original White River Conference. It is a considerable history of the old Wabash, and the Upper and Lower Wabash Conferences, and a partial history of the Miami, Auglaize and Indiana Conferences. Taking it altogether it equals, or exceeds the history of at least two annual conferences.

I hereby express my thanks to Rev. O. E. Evans, Dr. H. S. James and Rev. M. F. Dawson, members of the Conference Historical Committee, for their loyal co-operation in the work of compiling this history.

I take pleasure in acknowledging the assistance of Rev. H. S. James, D.D., who cheerfully accepted the task of collecting the pictures of the ministers that appear in this volume, and I also express my appreciation of the work performed by Rev. L. A. Huddleston in the preparation of the two maps with the different boundary lines of the White River Conference, and the location of the churches indicated by the emblematic crosses.

I desire to thank the preachers and laymen who kindly conveyed me in their automobiles on my travels, and to make special mention of Rev. M. F. Dawson, Rev. Floyd Everly, Rev. J. A. Carter, Rev. L. P. Cooper, Rev. T. B. Kelsey and Rev. T. A. Garriott, each of whom left his work and spent several days in conveying me from place to place in my historical journeys. A. C. Wilmore.

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LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

After reading three chapters of the "Copy" of the White River Conference History, Bishop H. H. Fout wrote to the author as follows:

Indianapolis, Indiana, August 5, 1925.

Rev. Augustus C. Wilmore, D.D., Winchester, Indiana.
My Dear Doctor Wilmore:

You were very kind to send me some advance pages of the Conference History. I have read every word with the greatest interest and pleasure. If these pages are a sample of the book it is going to be *great.* No one in the denomination is so eminently fitted to perform this task as yourself. Future generations will bless you for this wonderful contribution to the literature of the conference. It will be of value and interest to the entire denomination.

Very sincerely,

(Signed) H. H. Fout.

Bishop Clippinger who read several chapters of the History wrote as follows:

Dayton, Ohio, October 30, 1925.

Dr. A. C. Wilmore,
Winchester, Indiana.
Dear Brother:

I have examined with much interest the advance pages of your history of the White River Conference. You have collected a great array of valuable historical data which will be more appreciated as the years progress. Not only have you preserved many interesting historical facts, but your sane interpretation of United Brethren history makes it still more interesting and valuable.

Too long our communion has been derelict in preserving important data which at some future time will be sought after with great zeal.

May your untiring efforts be rewarded by the sale of many volumes among United Brethren people everywhere.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) A. R. Clippinger,
Bishop Central Area

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HISTORY

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Church of United Brethren in Christ

PART ONE

General History

CHAPTER I

THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH

(1-1400)

JESUS said to his disciples, "for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren."

Paul says to the church at Ephesus, "ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens . . . of the household of God, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." In writing to the Colossians, Paul addressed them as "faithful brethren in Christ," thus repeating the appellation which Christ used in addressing his disciples.

Evangelical Christianity had its beginning in the Apostolic Church under the awakening power of the Holy Spirit. The apostolic fathers were the progenitors, under God, of the visible Church of Jesus Christ.

The ecclesiastical lineage of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ began with the Apostolic Church, which for about three centuries went forward proclaiming the glorious gospel of Christ in its purity and simplicity. This church traces its ancestral line through the Waldenses, or Vaudois Church, which is the successor, yea the embodiment of the true Apostolic Church.

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THE CHURCH OF THE WALDENSES

The writers of ecclesiastical history generally recognize the crisis through which the church passed in its efforts to solve the critical problems of the fourth century. The adoption of the Christian religion by Constantine the Great, whose pagan and political affiliations were unsuited to the high ideals and lofty purposes of devout Christians, led to serious dissensions that were inimical to the cooperation and tranquillity of the church.

The passing events of the fourth century demonstrated that Christlike, spirit-filled disciples of Jesus were not in true fellowship with unregenerate, sensual and corrupt men and women, whatever their professions. The moral and spiritual deterioration that affected the church under the management of Emperor Constantine, and Bishop Sylvester of Rome, led to such a re-adjustment of ecclesiastical lines that the continuity of apostolic standards, and the successorship of the Apostolic Church, inhered in and were perpetuated by the Waldensian Church.

The re-alignment of the apostolic Christians, in opposition to the spiritual degeneracy produced by the policy of Constantine, in conjunction with the Roman pontificate, occurred A. D. 325, when the reorganization of the Apostolic Church was effected under the name of the Church of the Waldenses.

The Waldenses, or Vaudois Brethren, originated in the early part of the fourth century, in the territory of Piedmont of northern Italy.

The statements of some historical writers are to the effect that the Waldenses were founded by Peter Waldus in the twelfth century, however, the most distinguished writers affirm that the Waldenses were so called from the valleys in which they had resided for many ages before the birth of Peter Waldus. The learned Beza, and other writers of note, affirm that Peter Waldus derived his name from the true Waldenses of Piedmont in Italy, whose doctrine he adopted, and who were known by the names of Vaudois and Waldenses, before Waldus or his immediate followers existed.

In further confirmation of this account attention is called to the revised notes of Mosheim's Church History, where the learned historian in referring to the Vaudois Church, says: "But the truth is, that they derived their name from their valleys in Piedmont, which in their language are called Vaux; hence Vaudois is their true

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name; hence Peter of Lyons was called in Latin Valdus, because he had adopted their doctrine; and hence the term Valdenses, and Waldenses, used by those who write in English or Latin, in the place of Vaudois."

Milner, in his Religious Denominations of the World, says: "It seems to be a serious mistake into which some popular writers have fallen, who represent the Waldenses as originating in France about the year 1160, and deriving their name from the celebrated Peter Waldo. The evidence is now ample that, so far from being a new sect at that period, they had existed under various names as a distinct class of dissenters from the established churches of Greece and Rome in the earliest ages. It is an egregious error to suppose that when Christianity was taken into alliance with the state by Emperor Constantine the Great, in the beginning of the fourth century, all the orthodox churches were so ignorant of the genius of their religion as to consent to the corruption of a worldly establishment."

Cranz, in his History of the United Brethren, says: "These ancient Christians who, besides the several names of reproach given them, were at length denominated Waldenses, date their origin from the beginning of the fourth century, or more definitely, in the year of our Lord 325." The Confession of Faith adopted by the Waldenses was distinctly orthodox. "In doctrine the Waldenses never swerved from the apostolic teaching. In piety, zeal, humility and patient endurance for Christ's sake, and in all the elements of New Testament ministers, the Waldensian preachers were the true representatives and successors of the apostles on earth."

Rev. John Holmes, in his History of the Church of the United Brethren—Moravian, says: "The most painfully exciting portion of ecclesiastical history is that which describes the extraordinary efforts of the papal power to extirpate the true and only Church of Christ on earth. But the dungeon, scaffold, gibbet, rack, fire, and every instrument of torture which wicked ingenuity could invent, failed to accomplish the desire of that great and malignant power, because Jesus had said, 'Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.' "

The Vaudois, or Waldenses, existed at a very early period. They maintain that their fathers, offended at the liberality with which Constantine the Great endowed the church, and especially at the eagerness with which the imperial favors were received by Sylvester and the leading bishops, disclaimed connection with the popular

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church, and proceeded to organize local societies for the promotion of genuine religion, and to keep alive the holy flame of love; and, that they might be less exposed to annoyance and persecution, they retired into Alpine solitudes, where, for a long period, they flourished in comparative quietude.

The Encyclopedia Britannica approaches the subject of Waldensian antiquity with such apparent timidity as to justify the inquiry as to whether it has been the victim of a hierarchical propaganda. A few historians also appear to have been subjected to similar treatment. However, the Cyclopedia ventures to say that, "The polemical conception published has done much to perpetuate the claim of the early origin of the Waldenses, and with it the idea of the historical continuity of Protestantism from the earliest times. According to this view the Apostolic Church was pure and uncorrupt until the time of Constantine, when Sylvester gained the first temporal possession for the papacy, and he began the system of a rich, powerful and worldly church, with Rome for its capital. Against this secularized church a body of witnesses silently protested, of whom the principal part were Waldenses. These dissenters were called to pass through severe persecutions but continued to survive."

Johnson, in his Cyclopedia, says: "The Waldenses, called also Valdenses and Vaudois, a community in Piedmont, Italy, now have sixteen parishes and 25,000 members. They have existed from early times."

The International Cyclopedia states that "the origin of the Waldenses has been a cause of much disputation. According to many historical writers the Waldenses are a branch of the primitive church, which has always been independent of the Roman Catholic Church since the third century. According to other writers, and especially their enemies, they date from the twelfth century, and took their name from Pierre Valdo, the merchant of Lyons, France. In 1916, the Waldenses had 60 churches in Italy and 156 stations, with 98 pastors and 20,000 members. Besides the churches in Italy, the Waldenses had missionaries in Abyssinia, Madagascar and Basutoland. They had 28 churches in Uruguay and Argentine, South America, with 7000 members. They have churches in New York City, North Carolina, Texas, Missouri and California. There are extant of their literature, versions of the Scriptures, the Sentences, as extracts from the Fathers were called, various forms of services, and many poems."

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Lawrence, the historian of the United Brethren Church, states: "About the year 1160 Peter Waldo, an opulent merchant of Lyons, in France, awakened by a startling providence from the sleep of sin, commenced the study of the Holy Scriptures. It was not long before the way of salvation, by faith in Jesus, was made plain to his mind, and verified by a happy experience of sins forgiven. Henceforth he devoted himself and all his possessions to the service of God. With the assistance of some learned men he translated the four Gospels into the French language. He organized a society for the promotion of religious knowledge and the circulation of the Scriptures in the language of the common people. Many persons heard and received the glad tidings of salvation from his lips; and those living converts were not long separated from their brethren of like faith and experience—The Vaudois or Waldenses—in the valleys of Piedmont; and, although known by different names in different countries, their history uniformly flows in one channel. From the commencement of his evangelical labors at Lyons Waldo was opposed by the Romish ecclesiastics. The leader of the opposition was the archbishop. But the purity and simplicity of the religion which he and his co-laborers taught, the spotless innocence which shone forth in their actions, and the noble contempt of riches and honors manifested in the whole of their conduct and conversation, appeared so engaging to all such as had any sense of true piety, that the number of their societies increased from day to day."

Waddington, the learned writer, says: "In the struggle with the Roman Church Peter Waldo was driven from Lyons into Piccardy; thence into Germany, and at last he closed his evangelical labors and his life among the brave Bohemian mountaineers—the ancestors of John Huss. After sowing in these mountains the imperishable seed he died peacefully in 1180."

Mosheim, the historian, states in his account of the church in the fourteenth century, "that the Waldenses and others, who ardently wished for a reformation of the church, and had separated themselves from the jurisdiction of the bishop of Rome, though everywhere exposed to the fury of the inquisitors and monks, yet increased from day to day, and baffled all the attempts that were made for their extirpation. Many of these people, having observed that great numbers of their party perished by the flames and other punishments, fled out of Italy, France and Germany into Bohemia, and the adjacent countries, where they afterward associated with the Hussites and other separatists from the church of Rome."

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In the account of the church in the early part of the nineteenth century, Mosheim's history says: "The commanding number of Protestants in Switzerland may be supposed to keep those of Piedmont in countenance; but the latter (we mean the Vaudois) have been so discouraged by the bigotry of the court and the Romish clergy, that they are reduced to a small number, not exceeding 20,000 who are under the spiritual direction of thirteen pastors. They preserve those tenets which they maintained on their original separation from the Romish Church. 'We are called heretics by the members of that church,' said their Primate, Peyrani, to a late visitant of their secluded valleys; 'but our church is founded on the durable rock of Christianity. We have adhered to the pure tenets of the apostolic age, and the Romanists have separated from us.' "

In referring to the restraint put upon laymen by the Roman Catholic Church concerning the reading of the Scriptures, Fisher, in his account of the church in the eleventh and twelfth centuries, recognizes the existence of the Waldenses at that early period by the following statement in his Church History: "The reading of the Bible by laymen was subject to so many restraints, especially after the rise of the Waldenses, that, if not absolutely forbidden, it was regarded with grave suspicion."

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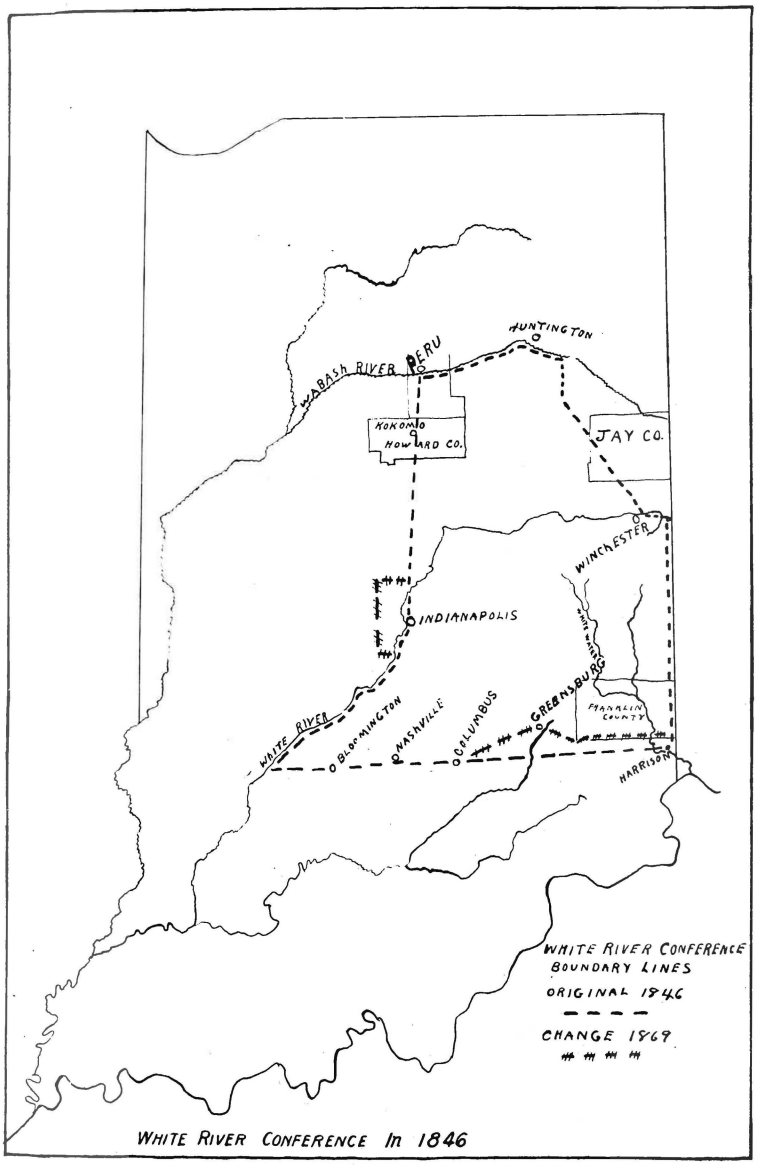

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CHAPTER II

CHURCHES OF THE REFORMATION

(1400-1775)

THE CHURCH OF THE UNITED BRETHREN—MORAVIAN

IN recording the ecclesiastical lineage of the apostolic Church through the Church of the Waldenses the next place in the order of seniority is accorded to the ancient Church of the United Brethren, or Moravians. Our information is obtained from the chronicles of the following historical writers:

Mosheim, in his Ecclesiastical History, has this to say: "In the fifteenth century the Bohemian and Moravian brethren threw off the despotic yoke of Rome, animated by the zealous exhortations and the heroic example of John Huss. These ancient brethren distinguished themselves early by their zeal for the Reformation."

John Lawrence, in his United Brethren Church History, says: "Early in the fifteenth century a series of events occurred in Bohemia which resulted in the organization of the Church of the UNITED BRETHREN—a church which possessed the pure theology and sound evangelical life of the Waldenses; and which must be regarded, indeed, as a part of the same church, under a different name." In referring to these events, Lawrence says: "John Huss, the most prominent actor in the great religious drama of the fifteenth century, was born in a small village in Bohemia, in 1373. He studied at Prague and was appointed Professor of Theology in that university. He received holy orders in 1400. In 1402 he began his public ministry. His mind was so far enlightened that he rested his faith upon the word of God alone, and was made savingly acquainted with Christ. His eloquent, bold and evangelical sermons were attended by throngs of hearers. In 1414 the celebrated Council of Constance was convened, and Huss summoned to appear before it. As soon, however, as he had reached Constance he was thrust into a loathsome prison, and even chained to the floor. No regard whatever was paid to the safe conduct. The forms of a brutal trial were passed through, at the close of which the pious, learned, and eloquent preacher, in the prime of his days, was led out of the city July 6, 1415, and burned to ashes, and his ashes were cast into the Rhine River! These high-handed measures excited great sorrow and

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indignation in Bohemia. The nobility and the university united in a remonstrance to the Council, complaining of the murder of Huss as a wrong and an insult to the whole nation."

A half century had passed since Huss commenced his labors of reformation—a half century of persecution, strife and blood, which nevertheless marked the close of the medieval era, and also the murderous papal inquisition, and likewise the beginning of the great Protestant Reformation.

"In the year 1457, however, some of the stricter Hussites, and the Waldenses, organized a society on the confines of Moravia and Silesia, at Lititz. They took the law of Christ for their guide, and the primitive church for their model. They called themselves Brethren, and, after many persons of similar religious views, in different parts of Bohemia and Moravia, had joined their union they adopted the name of Unitas Fratum, or the Church of the United Brethren, and this name has ever since been retained. They adopted as fundamental the doctrine of the Waldenses and of John Huss. At a synod held in 1467 three brethren were chosen and received as pastors and teachers. But as for many ages, no ordination had been deemed valid unless performed by a bishop, they resolved to obtain episcopal ordination, that their enemies might be deprived of every pretext for discrediting the ministry among them. Accordingly, three United Brethren ministers, one of whom had been a Waldensian preacher, another a Romish priest and a third a Calaxtine clergyman,—were sent into Austria to a Waldensian bishop, named Stephen, by whom they were joyfully received, and, with the assistance of another bishop, they were ordained."

The American Church History, Volume VIII, edited by Philip Schaff, and others, contains the following account of the Moravian Church of the United Brethren: "The Church of the United Brethren (Moravian) had its origin in a revival of personal, experimental religion. Availing themselves of permission to retire to Lititz, an estate near the extreme frontier, under the lead of Gregory, the nephew of the Primate Rokycana, they formed in 1457, 'The Church of the United Brethren.' In 1467 at a synod held at Lhota, near Reichenau, three of their number were formally set apart and ordained by priests who had joined them previously. However, in order to secure a ministry whose validity every persecutor must admit, episcopal ordination was requested and received from Bishop Stephen, of the Austrian Waldenses, to whom the episcopate had come from that ancient apostolic church. Bishop Stephen, assisted

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by Bishop Michael Bradacius (recipient of the episcopate from Bishop Stephen), then both together reordained the three ministers who had previously received presbyterial ordination.

"When Luther appeared in 1522 this evangelical church of Bohemia and Moravia included about four hundred parishes with a membership of two hundred thousand; had its own confession of faith and catechism, and was distributing evangelical literature from two printing offices.

"The United Brethren were in hearty sympathy with both the German and the Swiss Reformers. Their deputations were cordially received at Wittenberg, Geneva and Strassburg. In 1549 the persecution of King Ferdinand I, drove many of their number into exile and this led to the establishment of the Church of the United Brethren in Poland and East Prussia.

"Christian David was one of the most active and zealous promoters of the Church of the United Brethren. He was born in Moravia in 1690. Entered the ministry in 1717 devoting his life to evangelistic work. At Sehlen he enlisted the cooperation of five brothers named Neisser, whose grandfather, Rev. George Jaschke, had been a bishop of the Church of the United Brethren. These brethren proved themselves most loyal and capable laborers in the cause of Christ.

"In 1722 a young Saxon nobleman by the name of Nicholas Ludwig, Count Zinzendorf, remembering the experience of his own forefathers, who had removed from Austria to Franconia for conscience sake, assured Christian David that these Moravian United Brethren could find a refuge on his estate. Sent to a Paedagogium at Halle at the age of fifteen Zinzendorf covenanted with some of his school friends to confess Christ and seek the conversion of men. Although he was sent to Wittenberg to study law, he devoted his free time to the study of theology. May 12, 1724, the cornerstone was laid for the erection of the new college building at Herrnhut. Exiles and other persons from all directions gathered at this religious and educational center of the Moravian United Brethren. The work advanced until August 13, 1727, while celebrating the Lord's Supper, God's people experienced a powerful baptism of the Holy Spirit. Count Zinzendorf then took charge of the school himself, and soon there arose an extensive network of itinerancy in various parts of the continent. In 1727 Zinzendorf entered the ministry and received episcopal consecration at the hands of Bishop Daniel Ernst Jablonski, assisted by Bishop David Nitschmann."

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Mosheim, the eminent historian, gives this account in his history: "Great numbers of the Moravian United Brethren associated with the Reformed Church in the approval of their religious sentiments and discipline. At a later period the United Brethren entered into communion with the Swiss Reformed Church. This union was first formed on the express condition that the two churches should continue to be governed by their respective laws and institutions, and should have separate places of public worship, but in the following century all remains of dissension were removed in the synods held at Ostrog in 1620 and 1627, and the two churches (United Brethren and Reformed) were formed into one, under the title of "The Church of the United Brethren."

RECOGNIZED BY ENGLISH PARLIAMENT

In the year of 1736 the first colony of Moravian United Brethren came to Georgia. In 1749 an Act was passed by Parliament recognizing the Moravian Church as "an ancient, evangelical, episcopal church."

THE REFORMED CHURCH

In the succession of denominations descending from the apostolic church the Reformed Church organized by Ulrich Zwingli at Zurich, Switzerland, in 1523, is entitled to the next place in the list of those evangelical churches. In compiling the history of the Reformed Church with its associated bodies in different countries, having uniform doctrines and standards and a contemporaneous existence, the account of the Reformed Church is here incorporated with that of

THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH

The American Church History by Philip Schaff and others says: "The Reformed Church is the technical name of that great division of Protestantism which had its rise in Switzerland in 1516 under Zwingli, who organized the Reformed Church at Zurich in 1523. It was contemporary with, but independent of, the Lutheran Reformation, and stands distinct from the Lutheran Church. It was subsequently more fully developed and organized under John Calvin, with a distinct type of doctrine, and a Presbyterian polity. While the name REFORMED was chiefly confined to churches on the continent, it is well understood that this term also embraced Protestantism under all its forms in the British Isles. The persecution under Queen Mary in 1553-1558 drove the best of the English Reformers to Switzerland, whence some of them brought back the

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principles which developed into Puritanism, while John Knox carried back to Scotland with him the principles of Presbyterianism. The fundamental thought of the doctrine of the Reformed Church was the DIVINE SOVEREIGNITY, to which the proud human will must always bow subordinate. The DOCTRINES OF GRACE, as they are called, were emphasized. A large proportion of the German Cantons of Switzerland embraced the Reformed faith between 1523 and 1530. From Switzerland the Reformed faith passed over into the Palatinate of Germany between 1523 and 1530. Here the Reformed Church of Germany (or the German Reformed Church) was born. Here the Heidelberg Catechism was written in 1563. This catechism was also adopted at an early period by the Church of Scotland as one of its symbolic books.

"From the Palatinate the Reformed Church extended northward and was joyfully received in many of the German states as far as Bremen. It also extended into Bohemia, Poland, Spain and Italy, but in these countries it was almost destroyed by persecution. In France it met with great opposition. Nevertheless its success was so great that a Protestant Synod was held in Paris in 1559, representing more than two thousand congregations. It adopted what is known as the Gallican confession. It was at the Synod at Poissy in 1561 that the distinctive name THE REFORMED CHURCH originated."

The author further says: "It was the old apostolical church, freed from the errors and superstition which had attached themselves to it, and now restored to its primitive purity and excellence. This is the old historic name, far nobler and broader than names which simply refer to a form of polity, or to an individual reformer." "In the Netherlands the Reformation met with a most hearty welcome. Entering from Germany, it afterward received its chief impetus from Switzerland and France; hence its distinctive type of the Reformed doctrine and more democratic polity."

"The Reformed Church in the United States is historically derived from the Reformed Churches of Switzerland and Germany. On this ground it was in America formerly known as the German Reformed Church. It may in fact, be regarded as the American representative of the earliest member of that group of national churches which sprang from the great religious movement in the sixteenth century of which Zwingli and Calvin were the most distinguished exponents. In Germany it received its distinctive form during the reign of Frederic the Third, elector of the Palatinate.

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The Reformed Church is older than its name. Its founders had no thought of establishing a separate Christian denomination, and did not for a moment imagine that their work might be supposed to destroy the continuity of the ancient church. As they insisted on the preaching of the pure gospel, they preferred to be called 'evangelical Christians,' but different names were given them in various places. Finally when a distinctive title became a necessity, some one in France called the church 'Reformed,' and the name was by common consent adopted. It was felt to be appropriate, for the body of Christians which bore the title claimed to be the ancient church reformed—cleansed of its medieval corruptions.

"At all times it declined to be called after any particular leader, and such terms as 'Zwinglian,' or 'Calvinist' were regarded as offensive nicknames. It was to its adherents 'the reformed Church,' or 'the Church reformed according to God's word.' The early history of the Reformed Church may be regarded as including three plainly marked stages which are to be distinguished as German-Swiss, French-Swiss and German. Their successive centers Zurich, Geneva and Heidelberg.

"ULRICH ZWINGLI (1484-1531) deserves the honor of organizing and conducting the German-Swiss Reformation. It was to Zwingli, more than anyone else, that the Reformed Church was indebted for its peculiar character as, 'the free church in the free state.' He called laymen to office in the church, and encouraged local self-government. Though he was cut down in the prime of his manhood —a patriot and a hero—his dying words has proved a prophecy: 'What does it matter? They may kill the body, but they cannot kill the soul.'

"JOHN CALVIN (1509-1564) was the leading representative of the second stage of the Swiss Reformation. His influence however, was not limited to a single nationality, and no single denomination can claim him as its founder. Though he differed from Zwingli in many particulars, it will not be denied that he continued and completed Zwingli's work. In 1549 Calvin joined with Bullinger, the successor of Zwingli, in a common confession of faith by which the German and French elements in the Reformed Church were practically united.

"The third stage of the Reformed Church includes its introduction into Germany. Hitherto the Reformed Church had in Germany been insignificant; but now that the Palatinate had identified itself with it, an official declaration of its faith became absolutely neces-

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sary. A catechism was produced which has ever since been regarded as the crown and glory of the Reformed Church. That work prepared by Ursinus and Olevianus, two eminent divines and scholars, and known as the 'Heidelberg Catechism,' has been characterized as 'the flower and fruit of the entire German and French Reformation.' Prince Frederic the Third led in its advocacy before the Diet of Augsburg held in 1566, and his influence led to its general acceptance."

"A significant event in ecclesiastical affairs occurred in 1532. The Waldenses having a considerable ministry and membership in the Palatinate at that time entered into the consideration of the question of affiliating with the Reformed Church, which after due deliberation they agreed upon. In effecting this purpose the Waldenses met with the Reformed Church at the Synod of Agrogna in 1532 and formed a union by which the Reformed Church was grafted into the body of that ancient apostolic church. However, this action was opposed by an influential minority of the Church of the Waldenses who continued to keep up the ancient organization, which has been maintained to the present day." The total membership of the Reformed Churches in 1900, including Presbyterians, was more than thirty millions.

THE MENNONITE CHURCH

The credentials of the Church historian show that the Mennonite Church can trace its ecclesiastical ancestry, through the Church of the Waldenses, back to the apostolic church. The historical record states that its founder, Menno Simons, was a regularly ordained minister of the Waldensian Church.

H. K. Carroll in the American Church History and the Religious Forces of the United States says: "The Mennonites were founded in Germany in 1538 by Menno Simons, who was born in Holland in 1496. He entered the priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church, and in 1524, was appointed chaplain in Pingrim. Two years later he began reading the Scriptures which he had hitherto ignored. His scripture reading led to a change of his views on various doctrines. He became known as an evangelical preacher. Upon hearing of the decapitation of a devout Christian because he had renewed his baptism, Menno Simons began to examine the Scriptural teaching on that subject, and was convinced that there was no scriptural warrant for infant baptism. He renounced Catholicism in 1536, and joined the Church of the Waldenses. In 1537 he was ordained a

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minister in the Waldensian Church. From this time on to his death in 1559 he was active in the cause of evangelical truth, traveling through northern Germany and preaching everywhere. He and his followers endured severe trials and bitter persecutions. In the seventeenth century the Mennonites began to emigrate to America, settling in Pennsylvania. In 1688 they adopted a protest against negro slavery. They settled at Manhattan, New York, as early as 1644. According to the census of 1900 the number of Mennonites in the United States was 59,274. Their general church name was 'The Mennonite Brethren in Christ.' Their doctrines are set forth in eighteen articles of faith which were adopted at a conference held at Dordrecht, Holland, in 1632. Their confession of faith, which is similar to that of the Church of the Waldenses, is distinctly orthodox. The church emphasizes the importance of the evidence of conversion. Applicants for baptism are baptized in any form they may prefer. The Lord's Supper is observed twice a year. Bishops or elders are ministers having pastoral charge of a district. All the ministers in the district are under the direction of the bishop, or elder. They teach non-resistance, and forbid the use of all oaths. The Mennonites do not accept public offices, except in connection with the management of schools. They are a sober, industrious and thrifty people, simple in their habits, and conscientious, devout and faithful Christians."

Among the different branches of the Mennonite Church are those known by the names of (1) Mennonite Brethren in Christ; (2) Apostolic Mennonites; (3) Amish; (4) Bruederhoef; (5) General Conference; and (6) Reformed Mennonites.

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CHAPTER III

CHURCH OF THE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST

(1775-1925)

THE preceding pages of this historical record include an account of the ecclesiastical progenitors of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. The continuity of the apostolic church, as herein set forth, through the succession of the Waldenses, United Brethren, Reformed and Mennonite churches to the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, is attested by the confirmatory statements of a considerable number of historical writers. It is quite obvious that the evangelical spirit, purity, simplicity, discipline, ministerial qualifications, and episcopal ordination pertaining to the ancient apostolic church were inherited by, and transferred to the aforesaid churches, as well as all others bearing the same relation to the true apostolic church.

THE CHURCH FOUNDED

Philip William Otterbein, a native of Germany, and a minister of the Reformed Church, and Martin Boehm, a pastor of the Mennonite Church in Pennsylvania, of Swiss descent, were the chief founders of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. This church was founded at Baltimore, Maryland, in 1789 by a conference of seven ministers presided over by William Otterbein. The preachers present were: William Otterbein, Martin Boehm, George A. Guething, Christian Newcomer, Henry Weidner, Adam Lehman and John Ernst. The other preachers who united with this movement were: Benedict Schwope, Henry Baker, Simon Herre, Frederick Schaeffer, Martin Crider, Christopher Grosch and Abraham Draksel.

Of these fourteen preachers constituting the charter members of this original conference, nine were of the Reformed Church, four were of the Mennonite Church, and one was of the Moravian United Brethren Church. These fourteen ministers of the gospel composed the geneological succession from the Reformed, Moravian United Brethren, and Mennonite churches to the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and duly represent the presbyterial functions, and episcopal powers of these three ecclesiastical successors of the apostolic church.

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The church thus founded was not a schism, or an offshoot from another denomination, but was composed of persons of the Reformed, Mennonite, Moravian United Brethren, Lutheran and Presbyterian persuasion. The church being founded in America the same year that General Washington was inaugurated President of the United States, and within a short distance of where his inaugural took place, the resemblance in the forms of government adopted by this church and the nation can be more readily understood. In church government the ideal of the United Brethren Church is that in which all the people bear a part, both in the ministry and laity. Such a government is of the people, by the people and for the people.

THE CONFERENCE OF EIGHTEEN HUNDRED

The conference of 1800 occupies an important place in the history of the church. While it did not bear the name, yet it possessed the essential character of a General Conference, in the fact that it exercised the proper functions of such an assembly. This conference was held at the house of Peter Kemp in Frederick County, Maryland, in September, 1800, and was attended by the following ministers; namely, William Otterbein, Martin Boehm, Christian Newcomer, George A. Guething, John Hershey, Abraham Troxel, Christian Krum, Henry Krum, John George Pfrimmer, Henry Boehm, Dietrich Aurand, Jacob Geisinger, Jacob Baulus and Adam Lehman. These fourteen ministers formally organized the church by the adoption of the name of the CHURCH OF THE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST.

The second important step taken by this conference was the formal election of bishops. William Otterbein and Martin Boehm, both of whom were great spiritual leaders in the church, were at this conference, with due formality, elected bishops. The General Conference held at Bonnet's schoolhouse, near Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, in June, 1815, was attended by fourteen delegates representing four states, as follows: *Pennsylvania*—Abraham Mayer, Henry Kumler, John Snyder, Abraham Draksel, Christian Berger. *Maryland*—Christian Newcomer, Jacob Baulus. *Virginia*—Christian Krum, Isaac Niswonder, Henry G. Spayth. *Ohio*—Andrew Zeller, Abraham Hiestand, Daniel Troyer, George Benedum.

Bishop Christian Newcomer presided over this General Conference, Bishop Otterbein having died November 17, 1813, after repeating his last words, as follows: "Jesus, Jesus, I die, but thou livest, but soon I shall live with Thee. The conflict is over and past.

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I begin to feel an unspeakable fulness of love and peace; lay my head upon my pillow and be still." Bishop Boehm had died March 23, 1812. His last act was a request to be raised up in the bed, "said he wished to sing and pray once more before he left, which he did with a clear and distinct voice." Bishop Geeting died June 28, 1812. His last words were: "I feel as though my end has come; hark! hark! Who spoke? What voice is this I hear? Light! light! what golden light!" Jacob Baulus and Henry G. Spayth were elected secretaries of this General Conference.

After mature deliberation this conference adopted a Book of Discipline which comprised two parts: first, a Confession of Faith, and, secondly, a body of rules for the government of the church. Christian Newcomer and Andrew Zeller were elected bishops. As the ministers and laymen of the United Brethren in Christ were German, this was the language used in preaching and writing until the year of 1830, when the introduction of English-speaking people into the church made it necessary to use both languages.

The first Constitution of the Church was adopted by the General Conference held in the year of 1837. The General Conference of 1841 adopted a Constitution making at least three important changes, as follows: The provision in the Constitution of 1837 providing for pro rata representation was omitted in the Constitution of 1841. The General Conference of 1837 provided that the Constitution it adopted could be amended by a two-thirds vote of the General Conference. The General Conference of 1841 provided that the Constitution it adopted could not be amended, except by request of two-thirds of the whole church. The Constitution of 1837 made no reference to membership in secret societies. The Constitution of 1841 provided that "there shall be no connection with secret combinations." The General Conference of 1885 appointed a commission of twenty-seven ministers and laymen to formulate amendments to the Church Constitution to be submitted to a popular vote of the church. Amendments were formulated by the commission and submitted to a vote of the membership of the whole church at an election held in November, 1888. The amendments were adopted by an overwhelming vote. The General Conference held at York, Pennsylvania, in May, 1889, ratified the amendments by a vote of 110 to 20.

The four propositions submitted to the vote of the church were as follows: (1) Revised Confession of Faith; (2) Amended Constitution; (3) Lay Delegation; (4) Section on Secret Combinations.

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The last proposition received the most attention as its adoption was understood to mean the practical abolishment of the section against secret combinations. On May 13, 1889, Bishop E. B. Kephart read the proclamation of the bishops that the amendments had been approved by the requisite majority of the vote of the church. As soon as the proclamation was read Bishop Wright, who did not sign the proclamation, and fourteen delegates withdrew and proceeded to the Park Opera House in York, Pennsylvania, where they joined in the formation of the Old Constitution Church of the United Brethren in Christ having for its basis the Constitution of 1841.

The annual conferences of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ are composed of itinerant and local preachers and lay delegates representing the pastoral charges. Bishops preside over the general and annual conferences, and presiding elders, or superintendents over the quarterly conferences. The bishop, superintendents, and retired elders, constitute the stationing committee to fix the appointments of the ministers for the ensuing year. The pastoral term is without limit. There is but one order among the ordained ministers, that of elder. Since 1889 it has been lawful to license and ordain women. Bishops are elected by the General Conference for a term of four years. They are, however, eligible to reelection. The General Conference which is composed of the Bishops and an equal number of ordained elders and lay delegates, elected by the popular vote of the church in the respective annual conferences, meets once every four years, and has full authority, under certain constitutional restrictions, to elect the General Church Officers, legislate for the church, and to hear and decide appeals. Our doctrines which are Arminian, are expressed in a Confession of Faith consisting of thirteen articles which set forth the generally accepted view of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the Scriptures, justification and regeneration, the Christian Sabbath, and the future state. Concerning the Sacraments the church holds that baptism and the Lord's Supper should be practiced by all Christians, but the mode of baptism and the manner of observing the Lord's Supper should be left to the judgment of each individual.

According to the statistics of 1920 this church had 2360 ministers; 351,007 members; 1520 Young People's Societies, 63,330 members; 770 Junior Societies, 25,960 members; 3152 Sunday schools, 40,117 teachers and officers, 407,657 total enrollment. Pastors' salaries $1,927,816; Benevolence Budget, $660,739. Collected for all pur-

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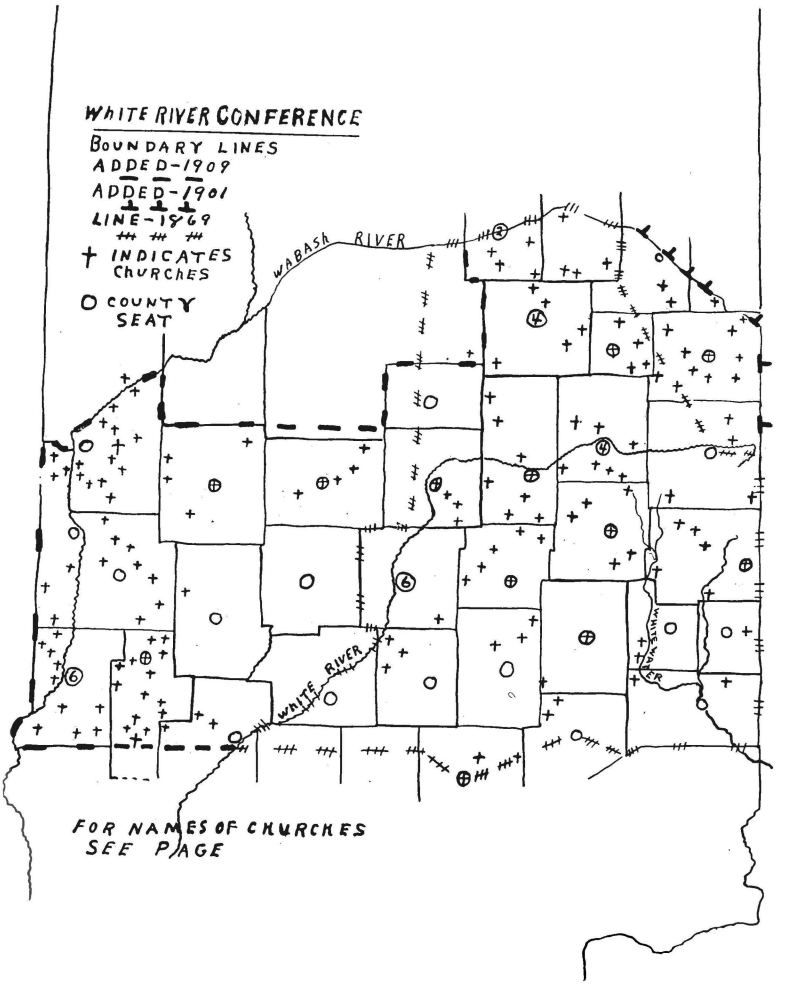

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE SINCE 1909

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poses, $5,629,342. Number of church houses, 3,233; Value of churches, $16,431,124. The aggregate membership of the three United Brethren Churches is 500,000.

The apostolic continuity reaching through the Church of the Waldenses, Moravians, Reformed, Mennonite, and United Brethren in Christ, extends to all regular Presbyterian and Reformed Churches including the Disciples of Christ, whose founders were regularly ordained ministers of the Presbyterian Church.

REV. WILLIAM OTTERBEIN

Philip William Otterbein, in union with Martin Boehm, was instrumental, under God, in founding the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. William Otterbein was born in the city of Dillenburg, Nassau, Germany, June 3, 1726.

Mr. Otterbein graduated at Herborn College in 1748, and was ordained a minister in the German Reformed Church, June 13, 1749. He emigrated to America, in 1752. His first pastorate was at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he labored six years. Two years were then given to the pastorate at Tulpehocken, Pennsylvania. In 1760, he accepted a call to Frederick City, Maryland, where he continued five years. His pastoral labors at York, Pennsylvania, commenced in 1765, and continued until 1774. It was during this pastoral term that he attended the great meeting at Isaac Long's barn in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, on Whitsunday in 1767, where he heard Rev. Martin Boehm of the Mennonite Church relate his religious experience, which Mr. Otterbein sanctioned by embracing the speaker, at the same time exclaiming, "WE ARE BRETHREN."

In May, 1774, William Otterbein began his pastorate in Baltimore, Maryland, which continued until his death, November 17, 1813. Otterbein was elected Bishop of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in 1800, serving until his decease in 1813.

The Otterbein Church edifice in Baltimore was erected in 1786. His mortal remains repose in the church yard.

The claims that the apostle Peter established his bishopric at Rome, and that he occupied the Roman see, are unsupported by competent testimony, likewise the theory of an unbroken line of Romish pontiffs back to the apostles. But as the Romish Church existed as early as the fourth century, a brief account of its history is given in these pages.

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CHAPTER IV

ROMISH, CATHOLIC, AND PROTESTANT CHURCHES

THE advance of the champions of Christianity across the Hellespont, and the Mediterranean Sea, into the continent of Europe, not only exposed them to the barbarians of pagan Rome, but to the deep and wide-spread corruption which seemed to defy any human remedy.

Fisher, the historian, in speaking of the first three centuries, says: "It was the heroic age in the history of the church, when with no aid from an arm of flesh, the whole might of the Roman Empire was victoriously encountered by the unarmed adherents of the Christian faith." A holy campaign conducted by the King of Glory for the salvation of sinners differed greatly from an imperial demand issued by an earthly potentate for the purpose of acquiring numbers and wealth. Emperor Constantine assumed the supreme power over the church, and the right of modeling and governing it.

Doctor Blackburn the historian, speaking of Christianity in Rome, says: "We shall find that Christianity did not avert the ruin of the Empire, because, when pure, it had but little influence outside its esoteric believers, while society was rotten to the core, and was rapidly approaching a natural dissolution." These untoward conditions led to the deterioration of the church. Notwithstanding this decadence of the church in general, there was a considerable number of devout men and women whose spiritual cravings and heroic purposes sought a higher plane of life and conduct.

The incongruity between these devoted disciples of Christ, and the vain, worldly, and corrupt masses that either approved, or submitted to the policy of Constantine, was such as to alienate these two elements of the church. The result of the imperial and episcopal cooperation was the establishment of the ecclesiastical hierarchy, and the consequent institution of the Romish Church in 347, shortly before the overthrow of paganism, which according to Gibbons' history of the Roman Empire, occurred A. D. 390.

THE ROMISH CHURCH

The episcopal hierarchy was perfected, and the Romish Church founded A. D. 347, when the Council of Sardica, gave to Julius, the Bishop of Rome, the privilege of instituting a revision of the verdict of synods, even though no appeal was made to him. Both Mosheim

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and Fisher make special reference to the canon of this council conferring this authority on the Roman bishop. Mosheim declares that it was "the principal step toward his sovereignity in the church."

Mosheim in speaking of the fourth century, further says: "The rights and privileges of the several ecclesiastical orders were gradually changed from the time that the church began to be torn with divisions and agitated with violent dissensions and tumults, to which the election of bishops, the diversity of religious opinions, and other things of like nature, too frequently gave rise.

"The bishops, whose opulence and authority were considerably increased since the reign of Constantine, began to introduce innovations into the forms of ecclesiastical discipline, and to change the ancient government of the church. Their first step was the entire exclusion of the people from all part in the administration of ecclesiastical affairs; and, afterwards, they by degrees divested even the elders, or presbyters of their ancient privileges, and their primitive authority, that they might have no importunate protesters to control their ambition, or oppose their proceedings; and, principally, that they might either engross to themselves, or distribute as they thought proper, the possessions and revenues of the church. Hence at the conclusion of this century, there remained no more than a mere shadow of the ancient government of the church. Many of the privileges which had formerly belonged to the presbyters and people, were usurped by the bishops; and many of the rights, which had been formerly vested in the church in general, were transferred to the emperors, and to subordinate officers and magistrates."

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Roman Church having been founded in 347, it began a process of development which continued for more than two centuries. The outcome of this development was the organization of the Roman Catholic Church A. D. 590, at which time the papal system was duly inaugurated. This statement is sustained by the following historical accounts. The following quotation is from Fisher's History of the Christian Church. In his account of the Roman Catholic Church at the time of its organization in 590, at the beginning of the reign of Pope Gregory the Great, Fisher says: "The Christianity which was to accomplish this work of conversion, and to come in conflict with the opposing forces, had, unhappily, parted with its ancient purity and simplicity. The kingdom of God had become identified with the visible church, through whose mediation, it was

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thought salvation was alone possible, and obedience to whose laws was often the sum of the requirements laid on converts. The use of images in the churches had become general. People began to prostrate themselves before them and many of the more ignorant to worship them. Miraculous powers were ascribed to these images, and legends of marvelous cures and wonderful portents were related of them. The adoration of Mary became prevalent. The doctrine of her perpetual virginity was established in the Roman Catholic Church. The monks were especially zealous in promoting this worship of Mary."

Fisher's History contains a list of Catholic popes covering a period of thirteen hundred years, beginning with Pope Gregory I, in 590 and ending with Pope Leo XIII in 1890, thus showing that this distinguished historian considered Gregory the Great as the first pope, and 590 the date of the organization of the Catholic Church. The following account is taken from Vol. VI of the Catholic Cyclopedia. The statement reads as follows: "Gregory I (The Great), Saint, Pope, Doctor of the church; born at Rome 540, died 604, is certainly one of the most notable figures in ecclesiastical history. He has exercised a momentous influence on the doctrine, organization, and discipline of the Catholic Church. To him we must look for an explanation of the religious situation of the Middle Ages, indeed, if no account were taken of his work, the evolution of the form of medieval Christianity would be almost inexplicable. And further, in so far as the modern Catholic system is a legitimate development of medieval Catholicism, of this too Gregory may not unreasonably be termed the father. Almost all the leading principles of the later Catholicism are found at any rate in germ in Gregory the Great.

"In July 595 Gregory held his first synod in St. Peter's, in Rome, which consisted almost wholly of the bishops of the suburbicarian sees and the priests of the Roman titular churches. Six decrees were passed, some of them merely confirming changes already made by the pope on his own authority. The Roman Liturgy and the Canon of the Mass are mentioned. Then comes the statement: 'Beyond these and some few minor points it seems impossible to conclude with certainty what change Gregory did make.' "

According to the foregoing account, Gregory the Great, was the father of the Catholic system, the virtual organizer, and the first pope of the Roman Catholic Church. Johnson's Cyclopedia is the authority for the following statement: "The Roman Catholic

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Church is that body of Christians which acknowledges the authority of the pope of Rome. It is an absolute monarchy which culminates in the pope. The people are excluded from all participation even in temporal matters; they must obey the priests, as the priests must obey their bishops, and the bishops the pope." This cyclopedia contains the following under the head of "Gregory I, Pope, called Gregory the Great. In 590 became pope, strengthened and reformed the papal see, confirmed the celibacy of the clergy, extended greatly the monastic system, reformed the liturgy, invented the mass, and the doctrines of purgatory and transubstantiation."

The four decrees of Pope Gregory, confirmed by the synod of 595, which the author of the Catholic Cyclopedia seemed unable to recall, are given in Johnson's Cyclopedia. They are the confirmation of the monastic system, the celibacy of the clergy, and the doctrines of purgatory and transubstantiation. With all of these statements before us, we are fully prepared to accord to Pope Gregory I, the distinction of having organized the Roman Catholic Church.

THE ORTHODOX CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Orthodox Catholic, or Greek Church calls itself "THE HOLY ORTHODOX CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH."

The Orthodox Catholic Church, or Greek Church separated from the Roman Catholic Church about the middle of the eleventh century and the Orthodox Catholic Church was organized as such by Patriarch Michael Cerularius A. D. 1054. The schism was partly the outcome of dissensions dating back to the ninth century when disputes arose in regard to doctrinal and disciplinary questions. These disputes were renewed in the eleventh century resulting in the separation.

The following are some of the chief tenets of the Orthodox Church: They disown the authority of the pope, and deny that the church of Rome is the true Catholic Church. They do not baptize their children until they are three years of age; baptism is performed by trine immersion. They administer the Lord's Supper to both the ministry and laity, and to the children immediately after baptism. They grant no indulgences, nor do they lay any claim to the character of infallibility, like the church of Rome. They deny that there is any such place as purgatory. They exclude confirmation, extreme unction, and matrimony, out of the seven sacraments. They deny auricular confession to be a divine precept. They pay no religious homage to the eucharist. They approve of

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the marriage of priests provided they enter into that state before their admission into holy orders. The head of the Orthodox Catholic Church is the patriarch of Constantinople, who is chosen by the neighboring archbishops and metropolitans. He is the head and director of the Eastern Greek Catholic Church. The other patriarchs are those of Jerusalem, Antioch and Alexandria, all of whom are under the jurisdiction of the patriarch of Constantinople. The membership of the Orthodox Greek Catholic Church in 1920 was more than one hundred and sixteen millions.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Martin Luther (1483-1546) entered Erfurt University, of Germany in 1501 and took the Master's degree in 1505. He soon entered Erfurt monastery and became a Roman Catholic monk. His theological studies informed him that pardon could be had through the Sacrament of Penance. Luther became the strictest ascetic. He fasted, scourged himself, and practiced all forms of maceration. God always appeared to him as an implacable judge. Luther finally came to understand that God's pardon was to be won by trusting to His promises.

Thus after two years of indescribable mental conflict he found peace. From the first, Luther's lectures in theology differed from those ordinarily given at that time. His teaching was "experimental" from the beginning. Luther was ordained a priest May 20, 1507. The practice of offering and selling indulgences was everywhere common in the beginning of the sixteenth century. Luther drew up his ninety-five theses, the pith of which was that the pope had no power at all to forgive sins, and nailed them on the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg, October 31, 1517. The sentiments of Luther were received with applause by the greater part of Germany, which had long groaned under the avarice of the Roman pontiffs.

The foundation of the Lutheran Church was laid October 31, 1517, at Wittenberg, Germany, by Martin Luther when he posted his declaration of independence of the Roman papacy on the church door of that city. The Lutheran Church was formally organized when the Augsburg confession was adopted in 1530, and presented to Charles Fifth, emperor of Germany, at the Diet of Augsburg, which convened June 20, 1530. At a conference held at Wittenberg in May and June, 1536, the German Lutherans were united under title of Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Lutheran Church has been distinctively called Protestant and Evangelical.

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The Lutheran Church takes to herself the appellation of *"The Mother of Protestants."* Henry Eyster Jacobs gives the following account of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, in the American Church History: "The Lutheran Church began its work in America at New Hanover, New Jersey, in 1703. Rev. Justus Falckner was the first pastor of New Hanover Church. Besides being a laborious pastor Falckner found time in 1708 to prepare and publish a 'Handbook of Christian Doctrine' in questions and answers. The first Lutheran Synod held in the United States convened in New York, August 20, 1735. It was composed of five ministers and nine laymen." In 1910 the membership of Lutheran Churches in the United States exceeded two millions. The total number of Lutherans in all countries aggregated about thirty millions.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

According to some historical writers the Church of England was founded by Augustine A. D. 597. The following account is given in the eleventh edition of the Cyclopedia Britannica: "The Church of England claims to be a branch of the Catholic and apostolic church. It is episcopal in its essence and administration, and is established by law in that the state recognizes it as the national church of the English people, an integral part of the Constitution of the realm. It existed in name and in fact, as the church of the English people centuries before that people became a united nation." After Gregory the Great became pope of Rome A. D. 590, he sent (Austin) Augustine with a band of missionaries to England. Augustine and his band landed at Ebberfleet in 597. They were well received by Ethelbert, King of Kent, who was converted and baptized. On the 16th day of November, Augustine was consecrated by the archbishop of Arles, of southeast France, to be the archbishop of the English. By Christmas Archbishop Augustine had baptized ten thousand Kentish men. Until the fourteenth century the popes continued to assert their authority in England. But the great schism of the west which divided Christendom over the claims of rival popes, greatly weakened the prestige and authority of the Roman pontiffs in England as well as elsewhere in Europe. The ecclesiastical confusion resulting from this schism contributed much to prepare the way for the religious changes of the sixteenth century.

In treating of that period, technically styled the Reformation, one must not confine the review to the reign of Henry VIII. The movement extended also over the three subsequent reigns of Edward

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VI, Mary, and Elizabeth. That some kind of reformation was greatly needed, in the interests of both church and state, was generally admitted. Among the chief points to which the reformers took exception were: (1) The papal supremacy; (2) The enforced celibacy of the clergy; (3) The worship of images; (4) The invocation of saints; (5) The indulgences; (6) Compulsory auricular confession; (7) The doctrine of transubstantiation.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

As a Protestant Church, was organized under the reign of Queen Elizabeth in 1563, when the English convocation settled and subscribed the Confession of Doctrine which has ever since remained an authoritative document of the English church. The church is governed by two archbishops and twenty-five bishops.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is styled the *Primate of all England,* and to him belongs the privilege of crowning the kings and queens of England. The province of Canterbury comprehends twenty-one bishoprics. In the province of the Archbishop of York, who is called the *Primate of England,* there are four bishoprics. Dr. Charles C. Tiffany gives the following account in the American Church History: "*The Colonial English Church* was the title applied to this body of Christians in the colonies prior to the American Revolution. Rev. Robert Hunt was the first colonial clergyman who came with the colonists to America. He settled with them at Jamestown, Virginia, May 13, 1607." "Captain John Smith speaks of him as an honest, religious and courageous Divine."

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The title "Protestant Episcopal Church" was adopted by the English church in the colonies, at a conference of the clergy and laity, held at Chestertown, Kent County, Maryland, November 9, 1780. The conference was called by Dr. William Smith, who was chosen president. The conference consisted of four clergymen and twenty-four laymen who organized the Protestant Episcopal Church at this conference. The Constitution of this church was framed in 1789. The census of 1920 shows their membership to exceed one million in the United States. The membership of all branches of the Anglican Church exceeds thirty millions.

The ecclesiastical lineage of the Catholic Church extends through the Church of England to the Protestant Episcopal Church, and

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likewise to the British Wesleyan Methodists, and the Methodist Episcopal Churches, which occupy important relations to Protestantism. The membership of all the branches of Methodist Churches is more than twenty millions.

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PART TWO
Antecedent Annual Conferences
CHAPTER I
MIAMI CONFERENCE
(1825-1830)

THE original conference formed in 1789 was succeeded by the Miami Annual Conference, which was organized in 1810. It not only occupied the territory of the State of Ohio, but included all the territory of Indiana and Kentucky. Before Miami conference was organized, Rev. John G. Pfrimmer had entered the territory of Indiana, and as early as 1808 had formed classes and established mission stations in southern Indiana, his principal field of operation being in Harrison and adjacent counties, having pre-empted that primeval country for Christ and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

REV. JOHN G. PFRIMMER

John G. Pfrimmer was born in Alsace, France, in 1762. He studied medicine and surgery and entered the French navy at the age of eighteen. He was brought up in the Reformed Church and, with William Otterbein, he could trace his ecclesiastical ancestry back through the Reformed Church to the apostolic church of the Waldenses. The plain, pious, pioneer preachers who came to Indiana in the early part of the nineteenth century, and who laid the foundation of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in this Hoosierland of promise, were typical Waldenses of the apostolic pattern, and clearly manifested the Christ-like characteristics of their pure, and prophet-like progenitors.

In the year of 1788 Doctor Pfrimmer emigrated to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania. He was converted in 1790, and began to preach soon thereafter. In the year of 1800 he began his labors west of the Alleghenies, and after eight years succeeded in establishing a succession of mission stations from Central Pennsylvania to the western borders of Indiana. He was one of the first pioneer missionaries of the church.

In 1808 he emigrated through the forests and swamps of Ohio to Harrison County, Indiana, where he entered a quarter section of land upon which a part of the town of Corydon now stands. Harri-

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son County was organized the same year. General Harrison, the first territorial governor appointed him with two others as county judges.

John G. Pfrimmer was a charter member of Miami Conference. Under the direction of the conference he made extensive missionary tours in the Wabash valleys, preaching and forming classes. He organized the first United Brethren Church in Indiana in 1808. In 1818 a church was built in his neighborhood, a few miles southeast of Corydon, Indiana, on land owned by his son. It was the first United Brethren Church built west of Ohio. He was ordained an elder in the church in 1815. In 1816 Doctor Pfrimmer was chosen presiding elder, and assigned to the Indiana-Kentucky district—a large field for a presiding elder to serve. It was as large as some of the bishop's districts of today. The Miami Conference held its session in 1816 in Montgomery County, Ohio.

Bishop Newcomer accompanied Doctor Pfrimmer from the conference into Indiana. The country was practically without roads, and at New Lexington they were obliged to hire a pilot to conduct them through the forests. During the journey Bishop Newcomer made the following entry in his journal: "We came today to an elevated spot of ground, from which we had an extensive view of the surrounding country. Here I humbled myself on my knees in gratitude to God, who, in mercy, had preserved me in the wilderness to the present time."

This account furnishes us with a glimpse of Indiana more than one hundred years ago. Those venerable prophets who trod the wilderness on Indian trails, following the blazed trees through the pathless woods, guided by a compass, were led by an invincible purpose to carry the gospel of Christ over mountains and rivers through the unbroken forests to the most distant valleys and the deepest solitudes.

Our church fathers were not inspired by denominational ambitions, or by church pride. These incentives were unknown to them. They asked only for simple creed, enough to tell the world their orthodoxy. They used the Bible and were guided by the Holy Spirit. No earthly emoluments allured them. They asked for no marble shaft at their last resting place. They gave themselves not expecting to receive gains. They gave the world a church made sacred to us by their prayers and tears and sacrificing toils.

In 1823 the Miami Conference assembled in Charlestown, Clark County, Indiana. This was the first session of annual conference

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ever held by the United Brethren Church in the State of Indiana. The conference met on Tuesday, August 12, 1823, and closed on Sunday, August 17. Bishop Joseph Hoffman presided, and J. C. McNamar served as secretary. J. G. Pfrimmer was chosen presiding elder and assigned to Indiana district. John C. McNamar was appointed to the White Water Circuit which at that time included all the territory in Fayette, Franklin, Union and Wayne counties in the State of Indiana. He served that charge two years. He organized the Franklin class on Whitsunday, 1824, with twenty-eight charter members, which is the oldest church organization in White River Conference. The class was organized at the brick dwelling house of Henry Fry, Sr., on the east side of Templeton Creek, about one-half mile west of the Franklin Church in Fairfield Township, Franklin County, Indiana. The first board of trustees of the Franklin Church consisted of Henry Fry, Samuel Howel and Simon Fry, who were elected in 1831.

Philip Fry and Catharine Fry his wife, granted a deed for the lot on which the church is situated, including the adjoining land which is used for a cemetery, to the aforesaid trustees of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and their successors in office. Certified to by Joseph A. Ball, clerk of the quarterly conference, and acknowledged before Joseph Reed, Justice of the Peace, recorded June 4, 1832, in Recorder's office, Franklin County, Indiana, by John E. Ennelsing, Recorder, Franklin County. The brick meeting-house which was erected on the aforesaid lot in 1831 is still used by the Franklin Church organization and is in a good condition. It is the oldest United Brethren church house in the State of Indiana.

In 1825 Miami Conference made the following appointments in the State of Indiana: Indiana District—Francis Whitcom, P. E. Corydon Circuit—George Bonebrake; Charlestown Circuit—Aaron Farmer; Orange Circuit—F. Whitcom; Flat Rock Circuit—Joseph Williams, A. Garrison; White Water Circuit—Jacob Mahan, J. Fetterhoff. In 1825 the old Miami Conference was divided, the eastern part taking the name of Scioto Conference.

In 1826 Miami Conference elected John C. McNamar presiding elder and announced the following allotments of labor: West District—J. C. McNamar, P.E.; Corydon Circuit—George Bonebrake; Orange Circuit—Aaron Farmer; Tanner's Creek Circuit—M. Alsop; Flat Rock Circuit—Joseph Williams, M. Keene; White Water Circuit—D. Bonebrake; White River Circuit—Isaac Cain.

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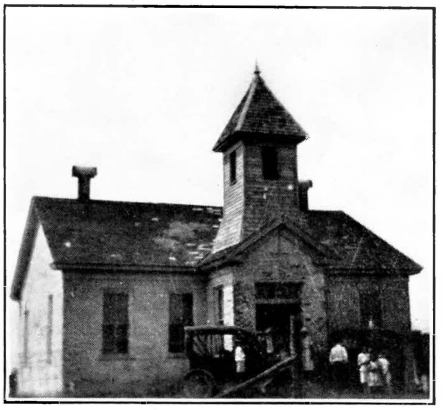

Franklin Church Organized By Rev. J. C. McNamar on Whit Sunday, 1824. Church House Erected in 1831

Henry Fry Residence. Where Franklin Class Was Organized in 1824

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At the annual session of 1827 Miami Conference announced the following assignments of ministers: West District—H. Bonebrake, P.E.; Corydon—George Bonebrake; Charlestown—M. Alsop; Flat Rock—A. Decker; White Water—M. Ballard; Tanner's Creek—Joseph Williams.

REV. JOHN CALVIN McNAMAR

For nearly a quarter of a century after the founding of the United Brethren Church all the preachers used the German language in their discourses. In 1813 John C. McNamar entered Miami Conference and began to preach in the English language. J. C. McNamar was born in Virginia in 1779. He removed to Fairfield, Ohio, in 1805, where he taught school six years. He was of Scotch-Irish descent and was possessed of the high intellectual qualities and dauntless courage of that race.

His religious life began in 1811, when he came into the community of Germantown, Ohio, as a school teacher, having been employed by citizens of Mr. Zeller's neighborhood. He is described as a small, lithe, sharp visaged, witty man. The brother who went to Fairfield with his large covered wagon to bring the schoolmaster with his family to the new theater of his labors, was much surprised and deeply grieved, to find a large and noisy dancing party at his house giving him a farewell visit. The dance occupied the entire night, and the company remained until the departure of the family for Germantown in the early morning.

In their new home they were brought into contact with a people who feared the Lord. The simple, earnest piety of the German brethren made a profound impression upon Mr. McNamar's mind, and it was not long until at a meeting held at Mr. Zeller's barn, he experienced religion. Soon after his conversion he began to preach. In 1814 he became an itinerant minister, and in 1816 he was ordained. He was a delegate from Miami Conference in 1821 and 1829, and in 1833 he was a delegate from Indiana Conference to the General Conference. He served as English secretary of Miami Conference from 1817 until 1820. In 1829 he was again elected presiding elder of the Miami Conference serving one year. In 1830 he entered Indiana Conference as a charter member. He served the church in Indiana Conference as follows: 1830, pastor Tanner's Creek Circuit; 1831, served as associate bishop and was appointed and served as presiding elder of White Water District; 1832, pastor Franklin Station; 1833, elected Bishop by General Conference but

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declined the office; 1834, elected Bishop pro tem and presided over the entire session of Indiana Conference; 1834, presiding elder Flat Rock District; 1835, as Bishop he presided over the entire session of Indiana Conference.

In 1839 John C. McNamar was appointed pastor of Eel River Circuit, Wabash Conference, and organized Centerpoint Church, and a number of other classes in Clay County that conference year. In 1840 he transferred his conference membership from Indiana to Wabash Conference. The same year he was made conference missionary. His activities in this field contributed largely to the great revivals in the Wabash Conference in the early forties by which thousands were brought into the church in that conference. In 1843 Father McNamar was assigned to the Bowling Green Circuit in Owen and Clay Counties (his last appointment) which he served two years. In 1843 he organized Union class, and in 1844 Gerrard class, both active churches on the Bowling Green charge at the present time. He was a great preacher and a powerful revivalist. "He being dead yet speaketh."

A company of United Brethren consisting of three families, the Margaret Hoobler family, the Peter Brown family, and the Simon Brown family, making a total of about twenty persons, emigrated from Hamilton and Butler counties in Ohio westward about two hundred miles, in the fall of 1826, locating in Fountain County, Indiana. The Hoobler and Peter Brown families settled at the forks of Coal Creek, just east of the present site of Veedersburg, Indiana, where each family entered land. Margaret Hoobler purchasing a quarter section of land upon which she erected a large two-story hewed log house which was used as a dwelling, and a house of worship. Simon Brown went several miles north west, locating near Lopp's Prairie, Shawnee Township, Fountain County, where he entered land and established a comfortable home.

The moving spirit and guiding personality of that company of emigrants was that consecrated heroine, Margaret Hoobler, who in the devotion of a heart perfected in the love of Christ, and in the fulness of her affection for the holy mission of the United Brethren Church she planned and carried forward this missionary enterprise. It was a most heroic work. What was a two weeks' journey across the newly constituted State of Indiana, fording creeks, swimming rivers, sleeping in the open, enduring fatigue, facing storms, braving dangers of the wild beasts of the dense forest, and imperiling life in the midst of hostile savages if she and her colonial associates

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could unfurl the standard of the cross, and lay the foundation of her beloved Church of the United Brethren in Christ on the banks of the Wabash and the prairies of the west? Multiplied thousands arise to call her blessed when they behold the triumph of her holy mission.

REV. JOHN HOOBLER

In the order of time Franklin Church occupies the first place as an organized church in White River Conference, having been constituted in the spring of 1824. The second church organized within the present limits of White River Conference was the Coal Creek (Veedersburg) Church, which was organized by John Hoobler in the month of May, in the year 1827, with seventeen charter members, of the Hoobler, Brown, Briner, Hetzler, Houts and Zeigler families, at a meeting held at the house of Margaret Hoobler.

John Hoobler then went to Shawnee Township, Fountain County, Indiana, where, in the summer of 1827, he organized the Brown class (now Castle Church), on Lopp's Prairie at the house of John Lopp, near the site of the Castle Church, in Shawnee Township, Fountain County, Indiana, with eighteen charter members, composed of the Brown, Lopp, Houts, Dunkelberger and Peck families. This constitutes the third church organization in point of time, still holding a place in the list of active churches, found in the official record of White River Conference. The fourth place is assigned to the Bonebrake class, now known as the New Century Church.

In the month of September, 1827, Rev. John Hoobler went southward about three miles to the Bonebrake neighborhood in Van Buren Township, Fountain County, Indiana, where he held a meeting, and organized the Bonebrake class, (now New Century Church), with twelve charter members consisting of four of the Bonebrake families, the Baker and the Dice families, which class is perpetuated in the New Century Church about two miles westward from the place of its beginning.

These three classes were served by Rev. John Hoobler preaching every two weeks at each class until October, 1827, when he went to Ohio, and reported in person to Bishop Henry Kumler, Sr., what progress he had made, and was by the bishop examined as to his fitness for membership in annual conference, which would meet the next spring, as the condition of the roads, or rather the lack of roads, at that time of year made the attendance impossible. The following is a copy of the report that John Hoobler made to Bishop

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Kumler: "Three classes organized, forty-seven members received whose lives are commendable. Congregations large and getting larger. Prospects good." This report was received in Father Kumler's usual kindly way, cheering the young ambassador of Jesus thus: "This work you report my young brother, is of God and must not fail for want of a preacher. It is evidence of your fitness. Take courage, press the mercies and the promises of our Lord upon that people another year, my blessing and the Spirit of the divine God go with you. Amen."

An active life began when John Hoobler was converted in August, 1823. His Christian father, Jacob Hoobler had died in Pennsylvania in 1813, leaving his mother, Margaret Hoobler, to care for the family of seven children, four boys and three girls. They moved from Pennsylvania to the vicinity of Germantown, Ohio, in 1822, and from there to Taylor's Creek, seven miles west of Cincinnati, in 1824, where John Hoobler had much companionship with Bishop Kumler, who gave him great encouragement, and he soon received quarterly conference license to preach. The Hooblers lived there two years when they moved to Indiana. After John Hoobler had received the wise counsel and the fatherly blessing of Bishop Kumler, he returned to his home and his charge in Fountain County, Indiana, where he continued his successful labors for the Lord.

The following session of Miami Conference which convened in the spring of 1828 received John Hoobler and granted him annual conference license. The conference made the following

ALLOTMENTS OF LABOR IN INDIANA

Corydon Circuit, Henry Bonebrake; Charlestown Circuit, Craven Lynn; Orange Circuit, Aaron Farmer; Flat Rock Circuit, Benjamin Abbott; Tanner's Creek Circuit, Joseph Williams; Coal Creek Circuit, John Hoobler; Wabash Mission, Jacob Mahan.

In the record of churches organized under the administration of Miami Conference that have survived the conflicts and struggles of almost one century is that of the Fairview Church on the Kingman Circuit, White River Conference. The Fairview Church in Liberty Township, Parke County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. Jacob Mahan, pastor of Wabash Circuit, Miami Conference, in the summer of 1828, with eleven charter members, including the families of Joseph Bowsher, Jacob Bowsher, Conrad Farner and George Sherby.

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Franklin, Veedersburg, Castle, New Century and Fairview churches hold the place of honor in this annual conference of one hundred and seventy churches. All other churches organized under the administration of Miami Conference in our conference territory are discontinued. It is estimated at least fifty local churches, or an average of one church every two years, have been disbanded during these ninety-seven years, hence these five local churches have won great distinction in the maintenance of their existence during this long period of time.

It is certainly a source of great pleasure as well as honor to hold membership in these historic churches. All five of these local churches are older than White River, Indiana and Saint Joseph Conferences. Yes, these churches are older than any, or all of the annual conferences of the church, except four conferences, and these are all east of the western boundary line of the State of Ohio. The honor of having organized these five churches rests upon three distinguished ministers. These great apostles of modern times are John Calvin McNamar, John Hoobler, and Jacob Mahan. Bishop McNamar has the honor of organizing the oldest church, with the largest charter list; Elder Hoobler is honored in having organized three of these local churches, being the largest number organized by either of these preachers, and Jacob Mahan has the glory of having sacrificed his life in the toil and suffering made necessary that he might be enabled to effect the organization of this one local church.

REV. JACOB MAHAN

The biographical account of J. C. McNamar and John Hoobler having been given in the preceding pages, the following account of Jacob Mahan is given the reader. John Lawrence, the United Brethren historian, says:

"In 1828 Jacob Mahan was sent out as a missionary to the Wabash country, by the Miami Conference. Some United Brethren had moved into that country from Ohio, and from Corydon, Indiana, and a missionary being desired, Mr. Mahan volunteered to go. His labors were greatly blessed; but in the fall of the year he was taken ill, and died in January, 1829."

Rev. John Morgan, who first belonged to Miami Conference, and was a charter member of both Indiana and White River Conferences, has given this account of Jacob Mahan: "He was a large man. His manners were gentlemanly, and he was grave in his deportment. He possessed excellent conversational powers, and his

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sermons were clear, forcible and strong. He labored on Andersonville Circuit two years, and was then sent to the Wabash Mission. When on his way he stopped at my house, and during the conversation remarked that he never expected to return. But nothing daunted he went on. I learned that his labors were much blessed." John Morgan lived at Andersonville. His death occurred there in 1889.

Rev. Jacob Mahan was appointed to Wabash Mission by Miami Conference at its session early in April, 1828. He at once set out on horseback on his journey of two weeks through the cold and mud. He stopped near the Franklin Church and at Andersonville on his trip. After leaving Indianapolis he struck an Indian trail leading westward. In attempting to cross Sugar Creek, some miles below Crawfordsville, the swollen stream from heavy rains swept him off his horse that was swimming across. He lodged in a fallen treetop. After repeated calls he was extricated from his position by two men who came to his rescue. He recovered his horse and succeeded in reaching his destination. He took cold from the exposure which later developed into serious lung trouble. However, he preached at his appointments, assisted in holding a campmeeting in which many were converted and organized a class of eleven members after which he was compelled to take his bed and after several weeks' sickness he went to his eternal reward in January, 1829.

In May, 1829, the preachers in Indiana met with Miami Conference for the last time. The allotment of labor in the State of Indiana were as follows: White Water District, John C. McNamar, P.E.; White Water Circuit, D. Bonebrake, N. Ross; Flat Rock District, John Morgan, P.E.; Flat Rock Circuit, D. Thomas; Charlestown District, Geo. Brown, P.E.; Charlestown Circuit, B. Abbott; Orange District, Francis Whitcom, P.E.; Orange Circuit, Aaron Farmer, A. Stacy; Wabash Mission, John Denham.

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CHAPTER II

INDIANA CONFERENCE

(1830-1846)

THE account of Indiana Annual Conference, like that of Miami Conference, is a narrative of that part of its activities which took place in the territory now occupied by White River Conference. In order that the reader may have the connections of the annual conference sessions which directed the operations in the White River territory, a brief account is given of each session of Indiana Conference during its sixteen years' occupancy of the White River district.

The General Conference of 1829 having provided for its organization the Indiana Annual Conference, consisting of the State of Indiana, and the adjacent territory northward and westward, was formally organized, and its first session held, at Stonecypher meeting-house, near Corydon, Harrison County, Indiana, May 25, 1830. Bishop Henry Kumler, Sr., presided. Bishop Christian Newcomer, who had been appointed to preside, having been gloriously translated in the preceding month of March, Michael Bottenberg was chosen Bishop pro tem, to serve in Bishop Newcomer's seat by the side of Bishop Kumler at that annual session of conference. Craven Lynn and George Brown were elected secretaries. The list of charter members contains the following names: Members present, Michael Bottenberg, Henry Bonebrake, Craven Lynn, John Denham, George Brown, Josiah Coen, John McNamar, Francis Whitcom, Aaron Farmer, John Morgan, Chandler Doud, Benjamin Abbott, Daniel Haines, Crassy D. Key, Abiram Stacy, John Hoobler, Frederick Kenoyer, Daniel Fleming and Josiah Davis. William Davis, James Griffith, Obed Nolen, James Hains, Joseph McCallen and Jonathan Paddox were received at this annual session of conference. Total present, 25. Members absent, Bennett Fryer, Benjamin McCarty, John Lopp, William Stubbs, David Thomas, Joseph Williams, Abraham Garrison, John Jackson, David Powell, John McGinnis, Silas Davis and John Hetsler. Total number charter members, 37. Francis Whitcom and George Brown were chosen presiding elders.

The second session of Indiana Conference was held at the house of the widow Margaret Hoobler, (east of Veedersburg) Coal Creek Circuit, Fountain County, Indiana, beginning August 30, 1831, and

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continuing until September 5. Bishop Henry Kumler presided. The conference elected John C. McNamar to fill the vacancy of Bishop Newcomer, deceased. Andrew House was elected secretary. The conference proceeded to the examination of the members, and there were present the following brethren: John C. McNamar, assistant bishop. Elders, Francis Whitcom, Frederick Kenoyer, Joseph Williams, Chandler Doud, John Hoobler and John Denham. Licensed preachers present, Josiah Davis, William Davis, Silas Davis, James Griffith, Abiram Stacy, John McGinnis. Constant Kidder and Americk Syres were received into the conference. Total number of preachers present, sixteen. Part of this number came from Clark, Harrison and Orange counties in the south portion of Indiana, and part came from Shelby, Fayette, Franklin and Wayne counties in the eastern part of the state. They traveled between one hundred and fifty and two hundred miles on horseback, along Indian trails and "bridle paths" as these wilderness roads were called. They were a week going, and a week returning from conference. The circuit preachers reported the following salaries paid:

CIRCUIT	PREACHER IN CHARGE	
Charlestown	Abiram Stacy	$ 40.75
Flat Rock	James Griffith	14.50
Orange	Frederick Kenoyer	16.10
Coal Creek	John Hoobler	60.93
Wea	Josiah Davis	59.50
Tanner's Creek	John McNamar, Wm. Davis	49.29
White Water	Chandler Doud	15.00
Illinois	Joseph Williams	15.30
Iroquois	John Denham	100.00
Total		$371.37

John C. McNamar, Crassy D. Key and John Hoobler were chosen presiding elders.

MARGARET BROWN HOOBLER

The widow Margaret Hoobler who furnished the house of worship, and entertained this second session of Indiana Conference from August 30 until September 5, 1831, was the daughter of Michael Brown, who emigrated from Germany to America and settled in Pennsylvania where Margaret was born. Margaret Brown as she

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was known in her youth, was the aunt of Bishop William Brown, the eighth bishop of the United Brethren Church. Her husband and herself were both active members of the United Brethren Church in Pennsylvania. Her husband, Jacob Hoobler, dying in 1813, she reared the seven children, then moved to Ohio in 1822, and to Fountain County, Indiana, in 1826.

In May, 1830, three years after Margaret Hoobler had erected her dwelling—church house at the forks of Coal Creek, Fountain County, Indiana, she sent her son, John Hoobler, to the first annual meeting of Indiana Conference which was to convene in Harrison County, with instructions to extend an invitation to the conference to hold its second annual session at her house. The invitation was promptly accepted and accordingly the Indiana Conference convened at her house as herein stated. She provided light bread from the oven, and corn dodger from her frontier baking process. The fattened animals were slaughtered and beef, pork and chicken in the "Pennsylvania Dutch" fashion was set before her ministerial guests. She perfected her savory repasts by providing a variety of vegetables, including potatoes and chicken gravy, with plenty of squirrel and venison added, to complete the gospel measure of old-fashioned United Brethren hospitality, scarcely understood in the days of eight dollar season tickets. She fully attested her hospitality by feeding those sixteen pioneer preachers, and earned their lasting gratitude by providing good corn, oats and hay for all of their horses during the session of conference. In the work of cooking, table service and the other household duties, Sister Hoobler was assisted by her maiden daughter, Mary Hoobler, who at that time was twenty-seven years old, while the hostess, Margaret Hoobler, was fifty-six years of age

Talk about consecration, or heroic deeds. Margaret Hoobler was the consecrated heroine of the young State of Indiana. It is doubtful if this state has ever produced her superior. Stories of heroism and romance fail to measure up to the actual performances of this United Brethren heroine of the great Wabash valley. Three years ago the historian of White River Conference began to get glimpses of a name written into the oldest record of Indiana Conference by Craven Lynn, the secretary of its first session, held in 1830, which record is securely kept in the archives of the United Brethren Publishing House. The historian obtained more light in regard to that name, and that most interesting personality, in the record of the second annual session of Indiana Conference written

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by Andrew House, the secretary, which states that "The second session of Indiana Conference was held at the house of the Widow Hoobler at the forks of Coal Creek, Fountain County, Indiana, August 30, to September 5, 1831."

Who ever heard of a man, or of anyone before, man or woman, who had the courage to invite, yea, entertain an annual conference, even of sixteen preachers, for six days. This was an amazing circumstance. I went to Fountain County and investigated and although I was within a few miles of her place of residence and within two miles of the place of her sepulture, no one was able to supply me with the desired information. I finally found a brother, one of our ministers, who informed me of the place where the Hoobler family had lived. I inquired for her place of burial, but I was unable to obtain the information. The telephones were freely used, but nothing could be ascertained about it. I instituted a search and after two days spent in three cemeteries her tomb was located August 7, 1922, in the "Cold Springs Cemetery," about two miles northeast of Veedersburg. A marble tombstone about three and one-half feet high marks her earthly resting place. It bears the following inscription: "Margaret, wife of Jacob Hoobler, Died January 16, 1857, aged 81 years, 7 months and 15 days. My rest is in heaven, My home is not here." Her birth occurred May 31, 1775. Her daughter's tomb nearby bears this inscription: "Mary Hoobler, Died February 3, 1868, aged 64 years, 1 month and 27 days." It is proper to state here that Mary Hoobler's life was devoted to her church and her mother. After giving to both her life service, she left her entire estate, a considerable sum, to the church.

Immediately following the location of the grave of Margaret Hoobler, my companions in the search, composed of Revs. M. F. Dawson and O. P. Cooper, with myself, knelt at this sacred shrine, sang a hymn, and repeated the Lord's Prayer. We also visited the Hoobler homestead, east of Veedersburg, where we conducted devotional services, and read a copy of the Stationing Committee's Report read by Bishop Kumler at that session of Indiana Conference, held in 1831.

The third annual session of Indiana Conference convened in the new Franklin meeting-house, Franklin County, Indiana, commencing August 28, 1832. Bishop Henry Kumler, Sr., presided over the conference. The following elders were in attendance: Crassy D. Key, John C. McNamar, John Denham, Aaron Farmer, F. Kenoyer,

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Josiah Davis, John Hoobler, Abraham Garrison, Abiram Stacy, Josiah Coen, Henry Bonebrake, Francis Whitcom and Joseph Williams. Total, thirteen. Licensed preachers present, Benjamin Abbott, John McGinnis, William Davis, James Griffith, Daniel Pettigrew, David Thomas, Constant Kidder. Total, seven. The following preachers were received on recommendation from the quarterly conference, James Eckles, Timothy L. Garrigus, Ezekiel Jackson, Martin Kibbler, and Mark Harmon. Total, five. John G. Eckles was received on his credentials from the Methodist Episcopal Church. Total number present, twenty-six. Benjamin Abbott, William Davis, James Griffith, Dillon Bridges, David Thomas and Daniel Pettigrew were ordained elders in the church. John McGinnis withdrew from the church. Crassy D. Key was elected chairman and Aaron Farmer, secretary. The itinerant preachers reported the following salaries paid:

CIRCUIT	PREACHER IN CHARGE	
Corydon	Abiram Stacy	$ 60.00
Corydon	Constant Kidder, Jr.	18.25
Charlestown	Benjamin Abbott	40.79
Tanner's Creek	Josiah Davis	48.15
White Water	William Davis	61.22
Flat Rock	Aaron Farmer	75.20
Orange	Frederick Kenoyer	68.25
Coal Creek	James Griffith	100.00
Wea	John Hoobler	68.50
Bloomington	John Denham	31.43
Total		$471.79

This session of conference was the most inspiring gathering of United Brethren yet held in Indiana. An unusual advance had been made the preceding year. There had been an increase of thirty percent in preachers' salaries, and a proportionate increase of the church membership. An able and experienced itinerant preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church had applied for admission, and had been received into our annual conference. The conference was holding its sessions in a splendid new brick church, supported by an enterprising, well-to-do society of loyal United Brethren. Six preachers had been received into the annual conference, and six ministers were ordained. Franklin Church had

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been constituted a station and one of the strongest preachers in the conference, in the person of John C. McNamar, had been appointed to the pastorate. Crassy D. Key, John Morgan, Joseph A. Ball, and Francis Whitcom were chosen presiding elders.

The fourth session of Indiana Conference met in the Union meeting-house, Flat Rock Circuit, Shelby County, Indiana, September 5 to 10, 1833. (The name by which this church was generally known was that of "Kingdom Church"). Bishop Henry Kumler, Sr., was the presiding officer. The bishop opened the conference by reading the second chapter of Colossians and commenting thereon. Sixteen preachers were present at the opening of the conference, thirteen elders and three licentiates. John C. McNamar was elected chairman, and Aaron Farmer, secretary. Abiram Stacy and James Griffith were chosen presiding elders. New missions were projected at Bedford and Washington, Indiana. After a discourse delivered by Francis Whitcom, John Lopp and Joseph McCallen were ordained elders by the "laying on of hands."

Indiana Conference, of the Indiana and Wabash districts, met in its fifth annual session at Davis schoolhouse in Warren County, Indiana, September 9 to 14, 1834. On account of the absence of the bishop, John C. McNamar was elected bishop pro tem. Twenty-one elders and seven licensed preachers were present. James Griffith was chosen chairman and Aaron Farmer, secretary. John Blair, John Burns, David Breeding, Joseph Ashley, H. H. Lynds, John Stewart, and J. T. Timmons were licensed to preach. The number of presiding elder districts was increased from two to four. John Lopp was appointed presiding elder of Corydon District, J. C. McNamar of Flat Rock District, Aaron Farmer, White Water District and William Davis, Wabash District.

REV. WILLIAM DAVIS

William Davis was born in Ontario County, New York, January 3, 1812. His parents were active members of the Freewill Baptist Church. They settled in Washington County, Indiana, in 1818. William Davis entered Indiana Conference in 1830 as a charter member. He at once entered the active itinerancy although he was only eighteen years old. In fact he had served a circuit the preceding year, having started in the work at the age of seventeen years. He traveled his circuit on foot. Unable to endure the hard travel, he hired out at eight dollars a month, until with his earnings, he was able to purchase a horse. At the first session of Indiana Con-

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ference in 1830 William Davis was appointed Junior preacher of Tanner's Creek Circuit. In 1831 he was appointed preacher in charge of White Water Circuit, where he had the pleasure of seeing the Franklin brick church house completed and dedicated during his pastorate. He was ordained an elder at the third session of Indiana Conference held in the Franklin Church, September 2, 1832, at the youthful age of twenty years. In 1833 he was appointed to Bedford mission. He was chosen presiding elder at the conference of 1834, at the age of twenty-two years.

In the formation of the Wabash Conference in 1835 he became a charter member, and had the distinction of being elected chairman, and also chosen presiding elder at the first annual session of Wabash Conference.

In the spring of 1846 Mr. Davis in writing a letter to a friend says, "A few evenings ago, while sitting by my fireside, looking forward to the labor and exposure, and privations which I must endure during the conference year which has just commenced, my mind was carried back to the past; whereupon I hunted up my old diary, by the aid of which I reached the following facts and conclusions: That I have been an itinerant minister in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ sixteen years; that I have traveled for ministerial purposes fifty-four thousand two hundred miles; that I have preached five thousand one hundred and ten sermons; that I have received as an earthly remuneration six hundred and fifty-two dollars; that the Lord has hitherto helped me and that it would be wickedness to distrust so good a friend in time to come. My time has been spent chiefly on the frontiers, among poor people; and, could I lead some of my rich brethren along the Indian trail, or more dimly-beaten paths, to the cabins in the woods, and introduce them to meanly-clad parents, surrounded by almost naked children, and let them worship and mingle their prayers, songs, and tears around the same altar, they too would love those poor brethren, excuse their scanty contributions, and of their abundance give something to the support of the missionary, who, perhaps, with ragged clothes and naked knees (for I have preached with naked knees), is preaching on the frontiers. I do love the poor pioneer brethren in their cabins, and sympathize with the missionary who breaks to them, at great personal sacrifices, the bread of life; and if after death my spirit should be permitted to visit my brethren on earth, I would fly on speedy wing to the suffering missionary and whisper consolation in his ear."

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William Davis was married to Miss Charlotte Miller, a young tailoress of Middletown, Ohio, on his way to the first session of Wabash Conference held at Rawlings Church, just east of Annapolis, Parke County, Indiana, September, 1835. She was a devoted wife and a consecrated helper in his missionary work. Previous to her marriage she had saved some money and with it they purchased sixty acres of timber land near South Bend, Indiana, in what was called "The Thick Timber." There a log cabin was erected in which they lived five years. Sister Davis being an expert with the needle, had by exchanging her skill and labor for the skill and labor of the woodchopper, succeeded in having forty acres of the land cleared, and made ready for planting. The farm was subsequently sold and the proceeds invested in a stock of goods at Bluffton, Indiana. During this time William Davis continued to labor unreservedly in the ministry, his work being in northern Indiana. He was a charter member of three annual conferences, Indiana, Wabash and Saint Joseph Conferences.

He was a delegate from Wabash Conference to the General Conferences of 1837 and 1841, and from Miami Conference in 1849, having transferred from Saint Joseph to Miami Conference in 1844. He was president of Otterbein University in 1849 and 1850. He then returned to the active itinerancy in Miami Conference, and in addition to his ministerial duties completed a course in the Eclectic Medical College in Cincinnati. He practiced medicine a short time in connection with his pastoral work, having decided to give his entire time to the active ministry. In 1862 he accepted a call to our church at Muscatine, Iowa, which he served two years. He then became pastor and president of Western College, where he remained three years. During his pastorate at Western he had one of the most extensive revivals ever known in our church. In 1868 he was appointed presiding elder over the Iowa Conference serving three years. In 1871 he was assigned to the pastorate of Lisbon Church which he served five years. After giving forty-seven years to the active ministry in that great pioneer period, on January 31, 1880, this prince of Israel took his farewell of earth, and began his triumphal ascent to the eternal city where amidst the congratulations of the conquering host of heaven his celestial coronation took place!

The sixth annual session of Indiana Conference convened at Corydon, Indiana, September 1, 1835. The following brethren were present: Brother John C. McNamar, Bishop; Brother John

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Lopp, was chosen to the chair. Elders present: Dillon Bridges, John G. Eckles, Henry Bonebrake, Crassy D. Key, Craven Lynn and Joseph McCallen. Preachers present: Aaron Davis, James P. Eckels, John Spradling, Thomas D. Lewellen, Harris H. Lynds, David Breeden, Jacob Cole, Andrew Lopp, Jacob Haas, John Evinger, Bennett Fryer, Benjamin McCarty, Joseph A. Ball, Timothy L. Garrigus, Mark Harmon, Josiah Coen, John Jackson, John Morgan, Francis Whitcom, Aaron Farmer, Daniel Thomas, Elias Robertson, Jacob Hardman, Obed Nolen, Joshua Whateley, Abiram Stacy, Frederick Kenoyer, Aaron Baker, Constant Kidder, John Blair, Silas Davis, William Henry, Abraham Hiestand, Absolam Elliott, Felix Boicourt, William G. Eckles, and James Hains. The following preachers were received: Felix Boicourt, Jacob Cole, John P. Eckles, William G. Eckles and Andrew Lopp. The following preachers were ordained: Aaron Davis, James P. Eckles, Jacob Haas and Thomas D. Lewellen. John C. McNamar served as bishop and presided over all the sessions of the conference. Craven Lynn and Aaron Farmer served as secretaries. John Lopp, John C. McNamar, Crassy D. Key and Joseph A. Ball were chosen presiding elders.

Indiana Conference met in its seventh annual session at Abington, Wayne County, Indiana, September 6, 1836, Henry Kumler and Samuel Hiestand, bishops. Aaron Farmer was elected secretary. Members present: J. A. Ball, J. G. Eckles, F. Whitcom, D. Bridges, Bennett Fryer, J. P. Eckles, Aaron Farmer, John Morgan, T. D. Lewellen, William G. Eckles and John P. Eckles. Total, eleven. Wiley Jones, Elias Robertson and William Stewart were received into the annual conference. John Lopp, T. L. Garrigus and Francis Whitcom were chosen presiding elders.

The eighth session of Indiana Annual Conference met at Anspaugh schoolhouse (now Union Church) Decatur County, Indiana, September 5, 1837, Bishop Henry Kumler, Sr., presiding. Michael Bottenberg was elected chairman and Aaron Farmer, secretary. The following elders were present: Michael Bottenberg, Aaron Farmer, Aaron Davis, Henry Bonebrake, John Blair, J. G. Eckles, T. L. Garrigus, John Lopp, John Morgan, Joseph A. Ball, Dillon Bridges, Abiram Stacy, Josiah Coen, Thos. D. Lewellen, and Craven Lynn. Total, fifteen. Preachers present: Joseph McCallen, Silas Davis, Bennett Fryer, James P. Eckles, William Eckles, Wiley Jones, Elias Robertson, Abraham Hiestand, Jacob Haas and William Stewart. Total present, twenty-five. Preachers absent: John C.

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McNamar, Andrew Lopp, Felix Boicourt, Jacob Hartman and Constant Kidder. Total absent, five. William Blair, Henry Bair and George Rubush were received into the conference. Aaron Farmer, M. Bottenberg, John Morgan and John Lopp were chosen presiding elders.

IMMORTAL WORDS

The Bishop asked the question: Has any preacher died this year? Answer, Yes, Brother Benjamin McCarty, "The venerable old veteran of the Cross of Christ, has left the fruits of his labors to follow him—left the church militant to join the church triumphant in Glory. Halleluiah!! *Glory, Glory, Glory.* Amen!! Amen!!! I am his brother triumphing in hope. Aaron Farmer." (Secretary).

Note: The above is an exact copy of the immortal words written into the old minutes of Indiana Conference by Aaron Farmer, secretary, _____, Conference historian.

The conference year of 1837 and 1838 was a prosperous one for the Indiana Conference. The Religious Telescope of February 21, 1838, contains the following report from Aaron Farmer, presiding elder, of Indianapolis District, in which he reports the revivals on Indianapolis Circuit under his personal supervision. He says, "The Lord has condescended to visit us in great mercy on Indianapolis Circuit. During the last three months there has been a gradual increase of the spirit of hungering and thirsting after righteousness in the church—a deep loathing of self before the Lord, and yet longing to know and enjoy all the fulness of the gospel dispensation. Our prayer meetings are more largely attended and a fervent spirit of intercession prevails in the congregations in general, and many hearts seemed to be pierced with conscious guilt, and we are looking to the great Head of the Church for the set time to favor Zion. Under these conditions we commenced our second quarterly meeting, on December 30, 1837. The Lord was with us in power. We met for love-feast at four o'clock on New Year's morning. After a short sermon we proceeded to open love-feast. God was with us in truth, and we had a refreshing season. Since that time I have formed a new class of fourteen members, called the Scott class, about twelve miles south of Indianapolis, and four or five miles from where I live. (Honey Creek Class, Johnson County). Since September more than fifty members have been added to the church on Indianapolis Circuit. Amen! Halleluiah!!" (Signed) Aaron Farmer.

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LETTER FROM REV. JOHN MORGAN

John Morgan, presiding elder of White Water District, reports the following revival, published in the Telescope, June 13, 1838: "I have returned from my third quarterly meeting at Abington, Wayne County, Indiana, which commenced May 26, 1838. On Sunday morning our love-feast was glorious, and some of the most interesting experiences were given that I ever heard. A solemn quiet pervaded the entire audience. At four o'clock the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. Saints were happy! It was discovered that the Lord was working with the wicked. An invitation was given to penitents to come to the mourner's bench and many came forward, and there were seen male and female with uplifted hands and streaming eyes, on their bended knees, raising their cries to Almighty God, followed by an outburst of praise to the great Head of the Church for his convicting grace. The exercises continued without intermission until after ten o'clock at night, and many were converted and arose from the mourner's bench praising God for their happy deliverance. On Monday morning we met again and another invitation to mourners was given; and a greater number than the night before came forward, deeply anxious, the meeting then continued until twelve o'clock and many more were converted, and eleven united with the church. Brother Wiley Jones, the preacher in charge of White Water Circuit, informs me of great revivals all over the circuit." (Signed) John Morgan.

One of the important factors of that period in the promotion of revivals was the annual campmeeting. The Telescope issue of July 11, 1838, contained the following announcements of campmeetings in Indiana: "A campmeeting will be held at the head of Fall Creek, near Middletown, Indiana, commencing August 3, 1838. A quarterly meeting will be held at Brother Scott's, twelve miles south of Indianapolis, commencing on the last Saturday in July, 1838, Aaron Farmer. There will be a campmeeting held at the old camp ground three miles west of Hillsborough, Fountain County, commencing September 6, 1838. I solicit the aid of our ministerial brethren, John DeWitt. A campmeeting will be held at Beaver's, Coal Creek Circuit, commencing August 30, 1838. A campmeeting will be held at the Rawling's camp ground, Rockville Mission, commencing September 6, 1838." (Signed) John Hoobler.

The Indiana Conference held its ninth annual session at the Corydon meeting house, Harrison County, Indiana, commencing

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August 29, 1838, Bishop Henry Kumler, Sr., in the chair. M. Bottenberg was elected chairman, and Aaron Farmer, secretary. Bishop Kumler read the sixth chapter of second Corinthians, and gave explanation of the leading points. The roll was called and twelve elders and four licensed preachers were present. The number of presiding elder districts was reduced from five to two districts. Aaron Farmer and John Lopp were chosen presiding elders. In the Allotments of Labor, Aaron Farmer was assigned to the Indianapolis District, and John Lopp to the New Albany District. By this arrangement John Lopp served the district that has been a part of Indiana Conference during its history, and Aaron Farmer served the district that afterward became a large part of White River Conference.

LAST LETTER OF REV. AARON FARMER

The Telescope issue of December 26, 1838, contains the last letter of Aaron Farmer, presiding elder of Indianapolis District, written exactly eleven weeks before his death. The following is a copy of his letter: "Williamsburgh, Indiana, December 14, 1838. The blessed Lord Jesus is still gracious to the people of Indiana. After my great illness on my return from conference I was able to meet the people at my first quarterly meeting at Newbern, September 28. The Lord was graciously nigh and souls were convicted and converted. October 26 our first quarterly meeting commenced at Mount Pleasant meeting house in Brown County, Indianapolis Circuit. God was with us in his spirit's power; sinners wept and saints rejoiced. I returned to my house. After dinner and prayers, Brothers Emerick, Collins, McCaslin and Stover with myself started, two north and three east. I have had some specially interesting meetings, but some of these were the very best.

"On the ninth of November the White Water quarterly meeting commenced at Jacksonburgh meeting house, Wayne County, Indiana. Friday and Saturday the seed was sown. At night the great Head of the Church was present in the spirit's power. Our love-feast on Monday morning was crowned with glory, Immortal glory to God in the highest. Believing that the work was not finished I tarried that night from a solemn impression of duty. I met the people again on Tuesday morning at nine o'clock. God was in that place, and I knew it. I opened a door, and eight joined the church, and with those twelve at quarterly meeting—making twenty that was received. I preached at Abington at candle-light;

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passed round White Water Circuit in company with Brother John Smith. I went to Tanner's Creek Circuit, November 16. The Lord was benignly near from first to last, but more especially on Sabbath night. Would it be too much to say, I saw more there than I have seen in fourteen years as an itinerant minister. Some bitterly crying for mercy, some shouting and praising God for delivering grace, some exhorting and some praying. In this service many were hopefully converted to God. Twelve united with the church.

"The work is gloriously reviving at Andersonville meeting house. Many professed conversion and twenty-five were added to the number of our holy Zion. Seven observed the ordinance of baptism. All real Christians are one in Christ 'in whom they have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace.' Yours in the gospel of Christ."

(Signed) Aaron Farmer, P.E.

It seems that this pioneer prophet must have had a premonition of his approaching dissolution. It is declared in the book of Exodus that no man shall see God and live. The marvelous Christlike life of Aaron Farmer demonstrated in his sacrifices, his holy life, and triumphant death places him in the sacred roll of such saints as John, the beloved disciple.

REV. AARON FARMER

Aaron Farmer was heroic, yea, he was more than a hero. He was a saint. His life and character was of the saintly order. John Lawrence, the historian, certainly considered him both a hero and a saint. Lawrence says: "No one of the pioneers in Indiana, rendered more distinguished service to the cause of Christ, between 1825 and 1839, than Aaron Farmer." "I have known him," says an intimate friend, "to ride forty miles, and preach three sermons in a day; and although unbridged streams of high water might cross his path, he never hesitated to swim them, no matter how great the danger or the exposure incurred." Notwithstanding his intense labors in the field of frontier missions he increased his task in 1830, by drawing on his reserve force, when he launched his pioneer publication called "Zion's Advocate," which he published four years at Salem, Indiana, in the interests of the United Brethren Church. It was the first newspaper published under the supervision of the church.

The ardent activity and strenuous service of Aaron Farmer has few parallels in modern christendom. His lofty character, high

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integrity and consecrated Christian life is a precious heritage to succeeding generations. He gave sixteen years to the active itinerancy, and was eminently successful in winning souls to Christ. He died on the first day of March, 1839, at the age of forty years. Just before he died, while his neighbors were conversing around his bed, he requested them to be quiet. "Gitty," said he, for that was the familiar name by which he called his wife, "Gitty, come here and listen." "To what shall I listen?" she replied. "Why," said he in surprise, "don't you hear that singing?" "No," said she, "I do not." "Oh," he continued, listening again, "it is the sweetest music I ever heard in my life. The heavenly messengers are come for me, and I must go." With this he asked them to raise him up and give him some water. He took the cup, drank and then, with a smile, closed his eyes in death. Accompanied by this angelic escort this heroic saint of Jesus was accorded a royal welcome to the courts of glory where he was crowned with immortality and eternal bliss.

The Indiana Conference convened in its tenth annual session at Franklin meeting house, Franklin County, Indiana, August 27, 1839, Henry Kumler, Sr., bishop presiding. Michael Bottenberg was elected chairman and Aaron Davis, secretary. The roll was called and the following preachers were present: Michael Bottenberg, Aaron Davis, Jacob Kemp, John Lopp, Joseph A. Ball, John Morgan, John G. Eckles, James P. Eckles, Silas Andrews, Jacob Emerick, Peter Gray, Wiley Jones, Josiah Coen, Daniel Stover, William S. Stewart, Isaac Hiestand, Elias Robertson, George Muth, Abiram Stacey, Craven Lynn, Crassy D. Key, Henry Bonebrake, Joseph McCallen, Dillon Bridges, John Blair, William Eckles, Andrew Lopp, Thomas D. Lewellen, Jacob Haas, William Blair, Jacob Hartman, William Key, Constant Kidder, Bennett Fryer, Aaron Baker, Jacob Cole, Anual Stroud, Felix Boicourt, Isaac Ball, David Jones, George Rubush, Henry Bear, Silas Davis, William Highfield. Total present, forty-four. Jeremiah Perkins, John Smith, M. M. Crow, Jos. B. Collins, Jacob Baumgardner and Jacob H. Stover were admitted to the conference. Wiley Jones, Peter Gray, William S. Stewart and Elias Robertson were ordained.

A GREAT GENERAL DIES AT THE FRONT

The Bishop asked the question, "Have any of the preachers died during the year?" The answer was, "Yes, Aaron Farmer of Johnson County, Indiana." A deep solemnity pervaded the conference and rested upon the audience. A great leader, a mighty

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prophet of God had closed his earthly labors, and had been translated to Glory. He was the presiding elder of Indianapolis District. His annual report was not read to the conference at Franklin Church, but the "recording angel" had filed the record in the archives of heaven. The record of that last round of quarterly meetings beginning at Newbern, Bartholomew County, in September, and from there to Brown County, in October, where he led his pastoral lieutenants composed of: Reverends Emerick, Collins, McCaslin and Stover in a house-to-house crusade for souls, thence to Marion, Shelby, Rush, Henry, and on to Wayne County where he held a powerful revival, then made the round on White Water Circuit of thirty appointments, including old Franklin, where doubtless the thrilling appeals of his angelic voice echoed from the hillsides of Templeton Creek when, nine months later, the conference held the memorial services in the Franklin Church.

The history of White River Conference, and the territory within its boundaries from the beginning, has not had occasion to register the death of a presiding elder, or superintendent since the days of Rev. Aaron Farmer. He stands alone as the one conference leader who laid down his life, during his term of office. His unparalleled sacrifice among men of his official standing, his unswerving devotion to Christ, and the Church, and his unconquerable spirit that kept him in the vanguard of the challenging crusaders of Christ, for months after death had marked him as its victim, makes him an outstanding character among the heroes of evangelical Christianity. The following named brethren were chosen presiding elders by this session of the Indiana Conference, namely: Jacob Kemp and Joseph McCallen. Jacob Kemp was assigned to Indianapolis District and Joseph McCallen to New Albany District.

The eleventh annual session of Indiana Conference was held at Corydon, Indiana, May 25, 1840. In the absence of the Bishop, Michael Bottenberg was chosen chairman and presided over the conference. Henry Bonebrake was elected assistant chairman, and Joseph McCallen, secretary. The roll was called. Sixteen elders and five licensed preachers were present. Lyman S. Chittenden, Joseph L. Stearns and Nathan McElfresh were received into the annual conference. William Ogburn was received on transfer from Miami Conference. John C. McNamar was transferred to Wabash Conference. Joseph McCallen and William S. Stewart were chosen presiding elders. William S. Stewart was assigned to Indianapolis District and Joseph McCallen to New Albany District.

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Among the impetuous itinerants who forged to the front in the closing years of the thirties was the heroic Welshman, Wiley Jones, who led the aggressive forces that marched to victory in the White Water valley. Armed with the authority of the annual conference of 1839 the evangelistic Jones turned his face to the west, and entered upon his vigorous campaign for souls in the Fall Creek valley, in Henry, Madison, Hamilton and adjacent counties. A letter to the Religious Telescope printed April 29, 1840, reports results of his

REVIVALS ON FALL CREEK CIRCUIT

Brother Jones says, "When I received my station last fall at our annual conference I felt very much cast down in spirit from several causes—one was that the circuit to which I was appointed was in the western wilds of Indiana, namely: the Fall Creek Circuit; another was, I have a large family, and having served in the itinerancy for three preceding years, of course the situation of my family was not agreeable; to all who have served our church in that capacity further explanation would be needless; however, with a heavy heart I proceeded to my task, and for a time I felt discouraged, but, thank God, I am cheered on hearing sinners crying for mercy, and seeing them obtain the pardon of their sins. The first display of the power of the Lord occurred at a protracted meeting held on Lick Creek at Brother Lambert's schoolhouse, (afterward called White Chapel Class), about three miles southwest of Pendleton, commencing February 22 and ending March 1, 1840. The brethren seemed to have been engaged for weeks wrestling with the Lord for a blessing, and when assembled all seemed to have the same mind, and came up to battle with the Captain of our salvation at their head. On Sabbath morning, in the prayer-meeting the Lord manifested himself powerfully near. Sinners were pierced to the heart, mourners crowded to the altar, thirty-eight professed conversion and nineteen united with our church. Again at a quarterly meeting held on Fall Creek at Brother Barnes schoolhouse, (Mount Zion Class), nine miles distant from the former revival, commencing April 4, 1840, the Lord again wonderfully blessed us. I never witnessed a more wonderful display of divine power. God's children were happy, sinners cried for mercy, mourners were comforted and leaped for joy, and backsliders like the prodigal, returned to their 'Father's house.' It was a memorable time. Nearly thirty were converted from the love of sin and death to the pure love of God shed abroad

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in their souls. Sixteen joined our church. May the good Lord preserve them. Generally the times are good, and the prospects are flattering around the circuit. We have considerably enlarged the borders of our Zion at nearly every class on the circuit. Yours in the three-fold cord of love."

(Signed) Wiley Jones.

Fall Creek Circuit, Indiana, April 13, 1840.

We have here an example of the triumphant life which this prince of Jerusalem enjoyed while toiling on a circuit of mud roads, across unbridged streams, through vast forests, meeting twenty appointments, extending from Delaware to Marion County, requiring a horseback ride of two hundred miles each round of three weeks, during which he preached at least a score of sermons, endured hunger, fatigue and exposure, and overcome difficulties that appeared to be insurmountable And yet he says, "the prospects are flattering around the circuit." O Lord! May we have a double portion of the spirit of Wiley Jones today!!

The twelfth annual session of Indiana Conference was held at Bethel meeting house, Decatur County, Indiana, June 3, 1841, Bishop Henry Kumler, Jr., presiding. W. S. Stewart was elected chairman, and John Slonecker, secretary. Preachers present, twenty-four. T. L. Garrigus and W. S. Stewart were elected presiding elders. T. L. Garrigus was assigned to Indianapolis District and W. S. Stewart to New Albany District. J. H. Stover, John Slonecker, J. T. Vardaman, W. Witt and C. W. Witt were admitted to the conference. Statistics of Indiana Conference, year ending in 1841. Amounts paid by the respective circuits

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	SALARY
Flat Rock Circuit	Wiley Jones, J. Perkins	$139.00
White Water Circuit	Joseph A. Ball, Aaron Davis	201.53
Indianapolis Circuit	J. G. Eckles, M. M. Crow	87.96
Fall Creek Circuit	Daniel Stover, J. H. King	192.93
Tanner's Creek Circuit	J. H. Stover, J. L. Stearns	170.00
Corydon Circuit	Nathan McElfresh	63.18
Charlestown Circuit	Josiah Coen	60.00
Washington Circuit	L. S. Chittenden	94.50
Jasper Mission		25.00
Mississinewa Circuit	William Ogburn	20.00
Total		$1,054.10

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The statistical report of the preachers' salaries paid in 1831 showed a total of $371.37, thus showing an increase of salaries in ten years of $682.73.

Indiana Conference met in its thirteenth annual session at Andersonville, Franklin County, Indiana, May 25, 1842. Henry Kumler, Jr., bishop. J. A. Ball was elected chairman, and John Slonecker, secretary. Members present: M. Bottenberg, J. A. Ball, S. Andrews, Wiley Jones, W. S. Stewart, D. Stover, J. H. Stover, M. M. Crow, J. Morgan, J. Slonecker, N. McElfresh, G. Rubush, J. Perkins, W. Witt, C. W. Witt, G. Muth, J. L. Stearns, J. M. Blair, W. Blair, J. Haas, W. W. Richardson, John Smith, L. S. Chittenden, Josiah Coen, J. House, Amos Hanway and J. H. King. Total, twenty-seven. James Witt and Jesse Scott were admitted to the conference. Henry Bonebrake and W. S. Stewart were elected presiding elders. W. S. Stewart was assigned to Indianapolis District and H. Bonebrake to New Albany District.

AN ASSEMBLY OF GOD-TAUGHT MEN

Rev. John Powell, of Ohio, who visited this conference wrote to the Telescope, as follows: "I went with Bishop Kumler to Indiana Conference held at Andersonville, Indiana, May 25, 1842. The greater part of the preachers were young men, blooming for usefulness in life, patterns of piety and humility. They were plainly dressed and their appearance was humble, and I took them to be useful, God-fearing men. I felt a strong attachment to them all. During the examination of the preachers there was a melting time, indeed. Many tears were shed, peace, joy, harmony and love prevailed during conference. They are busy in the vineyard of the Lord. Yours in love." John Powell.

The Apostle Paul being an example, the frontier missionary in the person of Rev. John Pugsley, goes forth willingly to bear the glad tidings of salvation to the lost souls within the limits of his great mission field. The Telescope issue of January 4, 1843, gives the following account of his successful

REVIVALS ON MARION MISSION

which included all of Grant County, and considerable territory in the adjoining counties.

Brother Pugsley writes as follows: "At the close of the last annual conference, held at Andersonville, Indiana, in May, 1842, I was appointed to the Marion Mission on the North District of the

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Indiana Conference. I was sent into a country where there had been but few sermons preached by the United Brethren. The Lord was with me. The people in many places were much affected. Brother Joseph Ball helped me to hold some "two-day" meetings. They are generally attended with good results. Church Disciplines are much needed. I have formed classes in seven places and have received sixty-three members into our church, a number of whom have found the Lord precious to their souls. Glory to God in the highest, souls are worth more than worlds. Pray for me and the Grant County Mission. Yours in the bonds of the Gospel."

(Signed) John Pugsley.

Rev. John Pugsley was returned to this charge in May, 1843, and organized the Daleville Class with seventeen charter members in July, 1843. He died December 17, 1844, aged 58 years, and was buried in the church cemetery where his body reposes near the new church. His last words were, "Glory to Jesus." His funeral was preached by Reverends Ball and Stover. Brother Ball used the text, "Man goeth to his long home." Brother Stover's text was, "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his."

The fourteenth annual session of Indiana Conference met at Bethel Church, Decatur County, Indiana, May 26, 1843, Bishop Henry Kumler, Jr., presiding. Henry Bonebrake was elected chairman and John Slonecker and Craven Lynn, secretaries. Thirty-one preachers were present. A. J. McCallen, J. A. Ball and G. Rubush were elected presiding elders with assignments, as follows: Southern District, A. J. McCallen; Middle District, J. A. Ball; Northern District, G. Rubush.

The Indiana Conference held its fifteenth annual session at Franklin Church, Franklin County, Indiana, March 7, 1844, Henry Kumler, Sr., and Henry Kumler, Jr., presiding bishops. Elders present: J. A. Ball, J. L. Stearns, J. Morgan, A. J. McCallen, B. Abbott, A. Davis, D. Stover, J. H. Stover, W. S. Stewart, J. M. Blair, M. M. Crow, L. S. Chittenden, J. Coen, N. McElfresh, T. P. Jones and W. Stubbs. Total, seventeen. Licentiates present: S. Andrews, J. House, C. McCarty, John Pugsley, Jesse Scott, John Smith, A. C. Chamberlain, W. W. Richardson, J. Slonecker, J. T. Vardaman, W. Witt, C. W. Witt, J. Witt, P. C. Parker. Total, thirteen. S. Rutledge was admitted to the conference, and John Slonecker and Wm. Witt were ordained. A. J. McCallen, W. S. Stewart and Daniel Stover were elected presiding elders.

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Although the Franklin Class had been organized but twenty years, and the church house had been erected scarcely thirteen years, yet three sessions of Indiana Conference had been held there.

THE MISSISSINEWA MISSION-FIELD ORGANIZED

The session of the Indiana Conference held at Corydon, Indiana, in May, 1840, organized the Mississinewa Mission, which occupied the territory south of the Wabash River in Huntington, Wabash, Grant, Randolph, Delaware and Madison counties, north of White River. Rev. William Ogburn was the first United Brethren missionary appointed to this great frontier field, which he entered shortly after that conference, giving one year's service to the work, for which he received twenty dollars of mission funds. The conference of 1841 appointed Rev. John Smith as his successor. In 1842 conference appointed W. W. Richardson to Mississinewa Mission but immediately after the session closed John Pugsley was assigned to that part of the territory in Grant and adjoining counties. The conference of 1843 constituted two circuits out of the Mississinewa Mission, and appointed W. W. Richardson to the east field of labor which was called Blountsville Circuit, and assigned John Pugsley to the western field called Marion Circuit. The conference of 1844 appointed E. B. Crousehorn to Marion Circuit. John Griffith, who was assigned to Blountsville Circuit, reported the revival meetings on that circuit as follows: "We have seen the manifestation of God's power in the conviction and conversion of scores of souls. We have held several revivals. Over one hundred have joined the church on this circuit during this conference year. We can praise God for what he is doing here."

(Signed) John Griffith.

Blountsville, Indiana, January 30, 1845.

Indiana Conference convened in its sixteenth annual session at Georgetown, Indiana, March 13, 1845, Bishop Henry Kumler, Jr., presiding. W. S. Stewart was elected chairman, and W. W. Richardson, secretary. Twenty-seven preachers were present, and forty-one were absent. L. S. Chittenden and Daniel Stover were elected presiding elders. The following action was taken by the conference: On motion conference adjourned to meet at the several places, or one place, adopted by conference under consideration of a division of said District by the General Conference ensuing. Time to be appointed by presiding Bishop hereafter.

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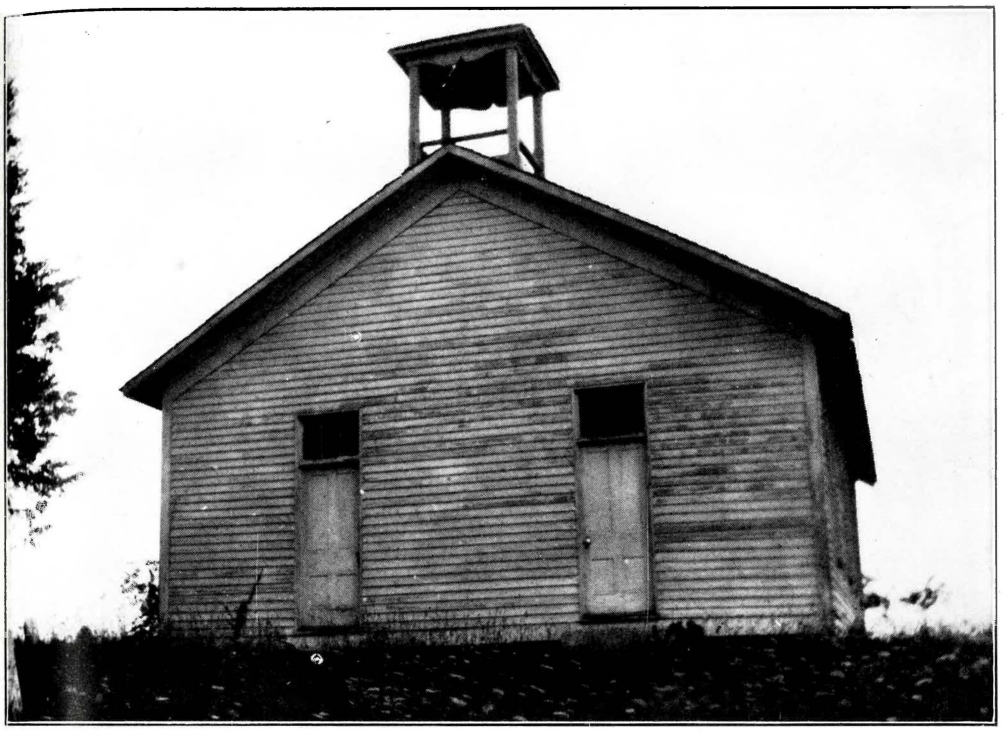

Mt. Pleasant Church. Where White River Conference Was Organized, February 21, 1846

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THE SESSION OF INDIANA AND WHITE RIVER CONFERENCES

The Indiana Annual Conference met according to action at Mount Pleasant meeting house, Bartholomew County, Indiana, February 20, 1846, Bishop William Hanby, presiding. J. A. Ball was elected chairman. John Slonecker was elected secretary and A. C. Chamberlain, assistant secretary. The roll was called. The following elders present chose membership in Indiana Conference: John Lopp, L. S. Chittenden, J. House, J. Coen, J. L. Stearns, Jesse Scott, Benjamin Abbott, Aaron Davis, A. C. Chamberlain. The following licentiates chose membership in Indiana Conference: Isaac Ball, T. J. Connor, Thomas Elrod, W. Foote, B. Hawkins, J. Smith, Daniel Shuck, S. B. Falkenberg. Total present, seventeen.

At the calling of the roll the following chose membership in White River Conference: Elders present: Joseph A. Ball, John Slonecker, Daniel Stover, Jacob H. Stover, M. M. Crow, George Muth, Nathan McElfresh, T. P. Jones, Jeremiah Perkins, Wm. W. Richardson, William Witt, Caleb W. Witt. Licentiates present: Isaac Collins, John T. Vardaman, James Witt, Amos Hanway, Matthias M. Hook, Alfred King, P. C. Parker, E. B. Crousehorn, J. K. Lawrence, John Griffith, Samuel Kurtz, Simeon Rutledge, James S. Wall and Joseph Manning. Total present, twenty-seven. The following elders were absent: J. Morgan, C. McCarty, G. Rubush, J. Hiestand, J. McCallen, J. Brewer, S. Davis, J. Hartman, A. Lopp, J. Haas, W. Stubbs, Craven Lynn, John Blair, Wm. Blair, B. Wade and W. S. Stuart. Licentiates absent: S. Andrews, P. Weaver, Wm. Key, W. Highfield, M. Stroud, A. Baker, E. Jones, T. Butler, Wm. N. Ayres, J. Riley, J. Baumgardner, J. Cole, M. Crawford, J. H. King, James Taggart and John Smith. Total absent, thirty-two. Of the absentees, J. Morgan, C. McCarty, G. Rubush, S. Andrews, P. Weaver, W. S. Stuart, J. Baumgardner, J. H. King and James Taggart chose White River Conference. All the others remained in Indiana Conference.

SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF INDIANA CONFERENCE CHURCH OF THE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST

Bishop William Hanby in the chair, John Slonecker, secretary, A. C. Chamberlain, assistant secretary. Members present, forty-three. Absent, thirty. Total, seventy-three.

The following licentiates were received into the conference: Joseph Manning, J. Walls and T. Herbert. The following brethren

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were ordained elders: Isaac Collins, John T. Vardaman, James Witt, Alfred King, Amos Hanway, Matthias M. Hook and P. C. Parker.

Mt. Pleasant Church, Bartholomew County, Indiana, February 21, 1846. The following Resolution was adopted: *Resolved,* That the Indiana Annual Conference be divided into two divisions, Northern and Southern. That the Southern division retain the name of *Indiana Annual Conference,* and that the Northern division be known by the name of *White River Annual Conference.*

(The foregoing action was in accordance with the provisions of the preceding General Conference held at Circleville, Ohio, May, 1845).

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the wishes of the General Conference be carried out, in relation to societies auxiliary to the original Benevolent Society in Ohio.

Resolved, That the Indiana and White River Conferences form themselves into two Benevolent Societies auxiliary to the Benevolent Society in Ohio.

By vote it was decided that the next session of the Indiana Annual Conference be held at Haas meeting house, Harrison County, Indiana, in the winter of 1847; and that the first session of the White River Annual Conference be held at Washington (Greensfork) Wayne County, Indiana, in the winter of 1847.

SEPARATE SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

It was decided by vote that all the work, (territory), north of the White River be thrown into one district, and to be called *North District.* By ballot D. Stover and W. W. Richardson were elected presiding elders in the White River Conference District; D. Stover was assigned to the South District; and W. W. Richardson, to the North District. (The foregoing record shows that White River Conference was organized February 21, in the year of our Lord, 1846). William Hanby, bishop; John Slonecker, secretary.

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CHAPTER III

EARLY PERIOD OF WABASH CONFERENCE

(1835-1845)

THE General Conference having authorized the division of the Indiana Conference, accordingly the Wabash Conference was formed in September, 1835. This frontier conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ occupied the territory of northern and western Indiana, including a part of Michigan, and all of the State of Illinois, with outposts in Iowa and Wisconsin.

It is easily understood how emigrants like Doctor Pfrimmer and his associates, following the tide of emigration, would locate in a growing settlement such as Harrison County, Indiana. But the remarkable feature connected with the emigration of a considerable number of our people to Indiana, in the first half of the nineteenth century, was, that when they arrived at the west line of Ohio they took a circuitous course through Indiana by way of Harrison, Orange, Daviess, Clay and Vigo Counties, or adjacent routes on their way to Fountain, Vermilion, or Warren counties, and from thence traveled up the Wabash, or Tippecanoe valleys, and settled in the northern part of the state, thus forming a nucleus for an annual conference in northern Indiana. The United Brethren stations, or charges, along this circuitous route, are found at Charlestown, Corydon, Marengo, Orange, Washington, Clay City (Eel River), Terre Haute, Vermilion, Veedersburg (Coal Creek), Lafayette, Logansport, Warsaw, and Elkhart—twelve places, all names of circuits or missions, given in the old Indiana and Wabash Conference records, as existing prior to 1845, except Terre Haute, which bears the date of 1865. The distance thus traversed from the Ohio line to Elkhart is about four hundred miles. A direct line from the starting point to Elkhart would have been less than two hundred miles.

These twelve cities, or charges, have the sacred number of the twelve gates of the holy Jerusalem, and it is hoped that the gates of our sacred temples at those twelve places shall be gracious starting-points of thousands of happy converts on their upward way to the holy city.

Among the pioneer pilgrims whose journeyings led them along this Indiana pathway, or those who traveled over the greater part

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of this circuitous route, were twelve preachers whose names were: George Brown, John Hoobler, James Griffith, Francis Whitcom, William Davis, Josiah Davis, Frederick Kenoyer, John Denham, John C. McNamar, Aaron Farmer, Jacob H. Stover, and Constant Kidder—twelve ministers, emblematical of the sacred number of the twelve sons of Jacob, and also of the twelve apostles of our Lord.

As Jesus and his apostles gathered their recruits largely from the outlying towns and villages of the old Palestine of the East, so these twelve modern United Brethren apostles, under the leadership of Christ, recruited their ranks chiefly from the outlying districts of this new Palestine of the West.

The Wabash Conference held its first annual session at the Rawling's meeting house, situated on the southwest corner of the cross-roads one mile east of Annapolis, Parke County, Indiana, beginning September 15, 1835. Bishop William Brown presided over the conference. William Davis was elected chairman, and James Griffith, secretary. The following preachers, constituting the charter members of the Wabash Conference, were present: Josiah Davis, James Griffith, John Hoobler, George Brown, James T. Timmons, John Steward, Joseph Ashby, John Denham, Elijah T. Cook, John Burns and William Robertson. The following preachers were received into the conference: David Fawcett, Simon Brown, David Brown, and Mark Grimes, making seventeen preachers present, besides the bishop. William Davis and John Denham were chosen presiding elders. Henry Evinger, a charter member of Miami Conference, had died during the year. He had the distinction of compiling the second United Brethren hymn book which was published in the German language in 1815.

This was preeminently a young men's conference. Bishop William Brown was only thirty-nine years old; Chairman William Davis was but twenty-three years old; James Griffith, the secretary, was just thirty-seven years old; John Denham and Josiah Davis, both delegates to the General Conference of 1833, were each less than forty years old; John Hoobler was thirty-four, Simon Brown was thirty, and David Brown, was only twenty-two years old. They were one hundred percent United Brethren, filled with the love of Jesus Christ, out on the firing line of the spirit-led soldiers of the Cross!

The progress of the next decade is the essential verification of this statement. Hot beds of salvation springing up in various

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places gave unmistakable evidence of the generative power of the Christ. Thousands who responded to the invitations of the glorious gospel, were made partakers of the great salvation.

AARON RAWLINGS

Aaron Rawlings bought a tract of land about one mile east of Annapolis, Parke County, Indiana, in 1831. He erected a pioneer dwelling on that land, and organized a Sunday school, which was held in the woods near his house in fair weather, and in their loom house when it was rainy. The school held its sessions in the summer only. Mr. Rawlings, who was reared by United Brethren parents, started out in the spring of 1833 to obtain a United Brethren preacher having heard that they had a class at Coal Creek (Veedersburg). He walked twenty-five miles through the wilderness to Coal Creek, where he found Rev. Frederick Kenoyer, the preacher in charge, with whom he made arrangements for preaching. The outcome was the organization of the Rawlings class by Rev. F. Kenoyer in the summer of 1833, with ten charter members, composed of Aaron Rawlings, Rebecca Rawlings, Stephen Rawlings, Mary Ann Rawlings, Jabez Hunt, Nathan Hunt, Zeno Hinshaw, James Maris, Anna Maris, and John Kelly. The Rawling's frame meeting house was erected in 1834, one mile east of Annapolis, Parke County, under the pastorate of Rev. E. T. Cook, Coal Creek Circuit, by Aaron Rawlings, Jabez Hunt, and Zeno Hinshaw, board of trustees at a cost of $1200. Although the class is disbanded the church house still stands on the old site, about two miles southwest of Turkey Run State Park.

Plans have been proposed for the preservation of this church, which is thought to be the oldest frame church house in the state.

The Rawling's campmeeting had its beginning the week following the annual conference in September, 1835. These meetings were held every year for a quarter of a century at the Rawling's camp ground, across the road just north of the church house. It was the great gathering of United Brethren, and was the center of attraction for scores of miles in all directions. In the early days the great revivals were held in the campmeetings, and the presiding elders and circuit riders depended largely upon them to reach the unsaved and the unchurched. The church buildings of the early days were scarcely large enough to accommodate the crowds which attended the great meetings, and it was necessary that such meetings be held in warm weather, and under the trees.

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The second annual session of Wabash Conference, United Brethren in Christ, met at the house of the Widow Hoobler, which was the residence of William Hoobler, her son. The minutes state that the conference met at the house of Brother William Hoobler, the third Tuesday in September, 1836. Bishop Henry Kumler presided, assisted by Bishops Samuel Hiestand, and William Brown. Ephraim Shuey, John Shuey, William Hoobler, and Jacob Whitezel were received in the conference. The minutes also show that Frederick Kenoyer, Joseph M. Hershey and John Kroch held membership, and were eligible to General Conference. Elijah T. Cook, James Davis, George C. Ilckenhauns, and William Robertson were ordained elders.

Josiah Davis and John Hoobler were chosen presiding elders. The assignments were as follows: Upper District, Josiah Davis, P.E.; Saint Joseph, James Griffith, William Robertson; Pine Creek, Frederick Kenoyer; Wea, William Davis. Lower District, John Hoobler, P.E.; Coal Creek, Elijah T. Cook, William Hoobler; Vermilion, James Davis, Ephraim Shuey.

Adam Shambaugh, who lived in Fountain and Tippecanoe Counties in Indiana from the time he was ten years old until he was thirty-nine years of age, and then emigrated to Wisconsin, where, after giving twenty-four years service in the active ministry of the United Brethren Church, he wrote a pamphlet in 1890 entitled, "Early Days on the Wabash," in which he recounts his experiences, and gives an account of the United Brethren families, and of the early preachers, settling in the Wabash country in those early times. Of the several quotations which I will make from this pamphlet I quote the following. Rev. Adam Shambaugh in speaking of the Widow Hoobler, says:

MARGARET HOOBLER

"Margaret Hoobler was left to care for a large family of fatherless children, John, the oldest boy, was only twelve years of age when his father died. The kindly help the boy gave the mother endeared her to him, and the glorious work he did for Jesus made him still more dear to her. She loved her church almost to adoring. She never wearied in working for the church or saving souls." Brother Shambaugh states that Margaret Hoobler told him "that she walked thirty miles to watch-night meeting, sixty miles to two-day meetings, and ninety miles to campmeetings, over the hills of Pennsylvania. They would take a wagon in which were bedding, children and pro-

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visions. The older ones walked, stopping with some Christian family, and have meeting there at night. Next morning the family with whom they had tarried would join and go along to another family, and so on, until the place of worship was reached and people from all directions assembled; they had a most glorious meeting." "She was a tower in the church, strong in faith, hope, prayer and song; a mother in Israel whose whole soul was devoted to the cause of God and the welfare of the members in the church. The high and low were led by her counsel. No odds how dark the way she could always find a star of promise."

The pamphlet from which the above quotations are made was unknown to the author when he first wrote the biographical sketches of Margaret Hoobler, found in the chapters on Miami and Indiana Conferences in the preceding pages of this book. It was more than a year after the author of this history had made the search and discovered the tomb of Margaret Hoobler that he was supplied with a copy of the pamphlet written by Brother Shambaugh

Wabash Conference convened in its third annual session at Jeremiah Davis schoolhouse, Warren County, Indiana, September 14, 1837, Bishop Henry Kumler, Sr., presiding. John Hoobler was elected chairman, and Josiah Davis, secretary. John S. Tolbert and Joshua Orne were received into the conference. John Peters was received on his transfer from Pennsylvania Conference, Joseph Ashby was ordained.

John Hoobler and James Griffith were chosen presiding elders. Among the preachers whose names appear in the list of appointments made at the conference one year ago was that of Frederick Kenoyer, who was assigned to Pine Creek Circuit. Adam Shambaugh gives the following account of him:

REV. FREDERICK KENOYER

"Frederick Kenoyer was a man of good address. He had no hobby other than 'Christ, and him crucified.' He was a cheerful, earnest, zealous preacher. In the pulpit or in the household there was no man like him, kindly, lowly, Christly-bearing, adorning both his public teaching and family counsel, of which the children never failed to share. He was a good singer as well as a good preacher, using both English and German languages at pleasure. When he learned of being appointed to work on the Wabash, he was living in Harrison County, Indiana, on the Ohio River. He told me that he had only one bushel of corn-meal, and twenty-five cents in money

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that he could leave with his family, and said to his wife, who was a daughter of Rev. John G. Pfrimmer, that he could not go; she replied, 'Frederick, go; the Lord will take care of me and the children.' He traveled the one hundred and eighty miles to his nearest appointment which was on Pine Creek Circuit in Warren County. He went trusting and working for souls, getting less than fifty dollars for the service, and entire year.

"His family contracted debts to the amount of thirty dollars, to pay which Kenoyer said he must locate and work next year. John Hoobler was the presiding elder, and on Sunday at campmeeting just before the conference of 1837, Hoobler made a public announcement of what Brother Kenoyer contemplated doing. 'Now,' said the Elder, 'to prove whether God and the people want Kenoyer to preach for them another year, I am going around, and if thirty dollars is contributed he will stay.' Elder Hoobler went around among the people hat in hand. Never before at any campmeeting had more than five dollars been taken up at one time. On counting the contribution the elder gleefully sprung to his feet exclaiming, 'Thank the Lord, and the people, I have over thirty-six dollars; Kenoyer will be your preacher another year.' He moved his family to the Wabash and labored as only Kenoyer could, and many thronged the mercy seat that year." Like a wise master builder, he built upon a sure foundation, and his work will abide forever.

The fourth annual session of the Wabash Conference was held at the house of Henry Walters, Montgomery County, Indiana, September 10, 1838, Bishop Henry Kumler, Sr., in the chair. John Hoobler was elected chairman, and Josiah Davis, secretary. The conference roll contained the names of twenty-five preachers. John H. Lamb and John Williams were received into the conference. John Fetterhoff, whose sister was the wife of John Hoobler, having located in Parke County, was received on his transfer from Miami Conference. Philip Newman was received on his transfer from Sandusky Conference, and David Breeding from Indiana Conference. John Spradling was expelled. The conference was constituted of one presiding elder district. John Fetterhoff was chosen the presiding elder. Simon Brown and John Peters were ordained.

REV. JOHN HOOBLER

John Hoobler gave twenty-two years to the active itinerancy in Indiana, and Wabash conferences, of which he served nine years as presiding elder. He was a delegate to the General Conferences of

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1845, 1849, and 1857. He served two terms as representative from Vermilion County in the Indiana legislature. In 1852 he transferred to Central Illinois Conference, where he continued in the ministry for more than twenty years. He returned to Indiana in 1875. He was elected chairman of Upper Wabash Conference in 1875 and 1876. He was appointed by Upper Wabash Conference in 1877 to Danville (Illinois) charge, just fifty years after he formed the three classes in Fountain County. This appears to have been his last year in the active ministry. John Hoobler was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, August 2, 1801, and died April 16, 1886, having almost reached his eighty-fifth birthday.

Adam Shambaugh says, "John Hoobler did not retire when other help was coming, but only worked the more. He gave double diligence to seek after the lost and homeless emigrants. Like Moody he believed that it is easier to put a hundred men to work, than to do the work of a hundred men himself.

"He excelled in finding young preachers, and in starting them to work. Setting by to cheer them on, 'amen' followed 'amen'; 'God bless the brother, and help him to preach,' 'That is the truth, O, Lord, send it home.'" His deeds of valor and labors of love will never be forgotten. Oh how glorious is his crown! It is the crown of the soul-winner!

Wabash Conference convened in its fifth annual session at William Baker's, nine miles east of Lafayette, Indiana, September 5, 1839. Bishop Henry Kumler, Sr., presided over the conference. Frederick Kenoyer was elected chairman, and Josiah Davis, secretary. Fifteen ordained elders and eight licensed preachers were present. Amos W. Hedge, Anderson Sparks, Isaac Reeve, Ezekiel Pettigrew, and John Collins were granted license to preach and received into the conference. The following preachers were received on their transfers: George Newman, from Sandusky Conference; Charles Beam, from Miami Conference, and Timothy L. Garrigus, from Indiana Conference. David Brown, Ephraim Shuey, and John P. Shuey were ordained. John Fetterhoff and James Davis were chosen presiding elders.

The local conditions for miles around Lafayette had undergone considerable change since the conference was held at Margaret Hoobler's eight years prior to this time. Wagon roads had superseded "bridle paths," large areas had been cleared of timber, and the land was being cultivated. Hundreds of pioneers' homes had

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been established and the responsibility of entertaining an annual conference was shared by a half dozen families instead of one or two households.

PETER BROWN

Rev. Adam Shambaugh gives the following account of Peter Brown, brother of Margaret Hoobler, and father of Bishop William Brown, and Rev. Simon and David Brown: "In his early Christian life Peter Brown backslid, and became wretched to such an extent that his friends became fearful that he would end his life by violence. He got so that he could not work nor sleep. One day he escaped from those watching him, went to the farthest tree in the orchard, threw himself on the ground, and prayed as he said for God then and there to bless him or kill him. He soon became happy and shouted, and his family ran to him fearing he had done something rash. Oh, no, he was only happy He was my first class leader. I had joined the church at campmeeting, but was not converted until some days after, when out in the woods I found Christ in the pardon of my sin. Peter Brown my class leader, did not know that I was converted, but on Sunday afterward, he asked me to pray. I wanted to pray, but could not say a word. The second Sunday was the same, and on the third he again asked me. I prayed a few words, and was happy, for I always thought that in order to be a full Christian every member should pray in public."

The sixth annual session of Wabash Conference met at Brother John Fetterhoff's, Parke County, Indiana, June 3, 1840. John Fetterhoff and William Davis were elected chairmen and Josiah Davis, secretary. The following members were present: Elders, John Fetterhoff, William Davis, Josiah Davis, James Griffith, William Brown, John Hoobler, James Davis, George Brown, John Denham, Joseph M. Hershey, Elijah T. Cook, John Peters, Simon Brown, Charles Beam, Joseph Ashby, John P. Shuey, and George Newman. Total, seventeen. Licentiates, Emsley H. Lamb, David Fawcett, William Hoobler, Ezekiel Pettigrew, John S. Tolbert, Anderson Sparks, Amos W. Hedge, and Joshua Orne. Robert Baker, Asa Coho, John P. Ephlin, Isaac W. Pickard, William Ammerman, and John P. Eckles were licensed to preach and received into conference. Total, five. Preachers absent: Elders, five; Licentiates, eight. Total absent, thirteen. Total conference membership, forty-three. George C. Ilckenhauns left the church under difficulties unsettled. William Davis and Josiah Davis were chosen presiding elders.

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REV. JOSHUA ORNE

Rev. A. M. Snyder gives the following account of Rev. Joshua Orne: "During his life, Joshua Orne, 'The Apostle of the Wabash,' had expressed the wish that he might accumulate enough of this world's goods, and only enough, to live upon through life, and have sufficient left when he came to the end of his earthly life to meet his expenses in sickness and death. His wish was granted. He had enough to meet his actual expenses and no more. Just before he passed away, Brother Orne, was asked, 'How does it look on the other side?' He replied, 'All right! I have been too long watching to be caught unprepared now.' The Sunday before he died he preached at Green Hill, Warren County. His death occurred the following Wednesday, and he was buried at Davis cemetery, near Green Hill. Money enough was found in his pocket to bear all his funeral expenses." The following inscription is carved upon his tombstone, "Rev. Joshua Orne, Died June 10, 1875, aged 75 years 4 months and 8 days."

Wabash Conference convened in its seventh annual session in Milford, (Green Hill) Warren County, Indiana, June 14, 1841. Bishop Henry Kumler, Jr., presided over the conference. John Fetterhoff was elected chairman, and Josiah Davis, secretary. Twenty-five preachers were present, and eighteen were absent. S. A. Potts, Bazel Clevenger, Solomon Cook, J. Masser, and Milton Garrison were received into the conference. Dillon Bridges, J. G. Eckles and John C. McNamar were received on transfer from Indiana Conference. J. T. Timmons was suspended for one year. Ezekiel Pettigrew was expelled from the conference; Emsley H. Lamb and Joshua Orne were ordained elders in the church; William Davis, Josiah Davis and John Fetterhoff were elected presiding elders.

The town of Milford which was settled in the early part of the nineteenth century, the name of which was changed to Green Hill about the time of the Civil War, is situated about three miles from the Wabash River in the eastern part of Warren County, Indiana. It occupied a very important relation to the Wabash Annual Conference, it being the center of a strong and influential community of United Brethren. At the session of Miami Conference which convened in May, 1829, John Denham was appointed to the Wabash Circuit, which included territory in Warren County, Indiana. He organized the Milford, (Green Hill) Class at the house of Horatio Bailey, one quarter of a mile south of Milford with the following

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charter members: Horatio Bailey, Sally Bailey, John S. Tolbert, Lavinia Tolbert, Joshua Orne, George Davis, and Martha Davis in the year of 1829.

A UNITED BRETHREN CEMETERY

A number of the members of the Green Hill class whose bodies repose in the Davis cemetery, which was platted out of the farm of George Davis who entered the ministry in 1842, were connected with ministers' families. The above named charter members with one exception were laid to rest in the Davis cemetery, which is located about one mile west of Green Hill.

REV. JOHN DENHAM

Rev. Adam Shambaugh is authority for the following biographical sketch of Rev. John Denham, the founder of Green Hill Church and a number of churches in Illinois. Brother Shambaugh states that "John Denham was a man of great faith in prayer; that is where his strength was most manifest; which seldom failed him. He wore long hair assigning as a reason that in his early religious life he had backslidden, and during the time he so remained he was very miserable. He then made a vow that if the Lord would restore him to the joy of his former days, he would bear a sign on his head. Before addressing a congregation he would retire to pray deriving much benefit and inspiration therefrom. Then he would preach a good sermon, seldom failing to do so. Denham was an able debater on the subject of water baptism. The Bethel Methodist Church, four miles east of Attica, Indiana, sent for Denham to come and preach a week or more on the subject of baptism at their church. Hearing the sermons as fortified by gospel truth, and the eloquence of that warm-hearted man of God there was not one who did not believe that spiritual baptism was the saving baptism taught in the Bible. The people of Bethel Church rewarded Father Denham by contributing ninety-three dollars in a public collection, and by gifts outside of that collection. Father Denham was a strong man always ready to help orthodox ministers, and a terror to those who advocated heterodoxy. His labors are ended, but much seed by him sown is growing into heavenly fruitage."

Wabash Conference met in its eighth annual session at Jefferson, Clinton County, Indiana, June 3, 1842. Bishop Henry Kumler, Jr., presiding. Ex-Bishop William Brown, was chosen chairman and acted as Assistant Bishop, Joshua Orne and Asa Coho were elected

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secretaries. Twenty-one ordained elders and eleven preachers were present. Eight elders and ten preachers were absent. Total number of ordained elders, twenty-nine. Licentiates, twenty-one. Total conference membership, fifty. The following brethren were received into the conference: Charles Mills, Samuel Simons, Daniel Fiske, John McVay, George Davis, Thomas J. Babcoke, John Surran, Joseph Terrel, Josiah Terrel, Isaac Johnson, James Scarlet, Berlin E. Shields, Andrew Wimsett. Total, thirteen. William Ludlow was received on transfer from Miami Conference. Addison Sparks died during the year. Amos W. Hedge and John Villers were ordained. William Brown, John Fetterhoff, William Davis and Josiah Davis were elected presiding elders.

The following assignments were made: Eastern District—John Fetterhoff, P.E.; Coal Creek Circuit, A. Wimsett; Wea, Asa Coho; Eel River, A. W. Hedge, S. Simons; Rockville, J. G. Eckles. Western District—William Brown, P.E.; Pine Creek, Wm. Ammerman; Vermilion, J. P. Shuey; Clinton, John B. McVay; Embarras, Charles Beam, David Fawcett; Iroquois, Frederick Kenoyer; Monticello Mission, James Griffith. Saint Joseph District—William Davis, P.E.; Saint Joseph Circuit, Bazel Clevenger; Tippecanoe, E. T. Cook; Huntington, Joseph Terrel. Illinois District—Josiah Davis, P.E.; Spoon River, Wm. Eckles, B. E. Shields; Mackinaw, J. Davis; Western Missionary, John Denham; Wisconsin Mission, James Davis.

This was a very unusual session of annual conference. The proceedings indicated a high degree of optimism. Missions were projected and new fields were entered in various directions. Elkhart, Warsaw, Huntington, Monticello and Wisconsin were all named and successful operation was begun within a radius of a few miles of the towns named except Monticello. However, the work in Wisconsin was also delayed several years.

Of the four presiding elders who were given the supervision of the conference districts, two were brothers, William and Josiah Davis. These four men were all preachers of ability and distinction. It should perhaps be mentioned here that it would have been difficult in that pioneer period to have found in any similar body of churchmen four ministers, who were better qualified to lead a crusade against the forces of evil than these distinguished ecclesiastical commanders of the Wabash Conference.

The ninth annual session of Wabash Conference, Church of the United Brethren in Christ, was held at Milford, Warren County,

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Indiana, commencing May 12, 1843. Henry Kumler, Jr., was the presiding bishop. Frederick Kenoyer was elected chairman, and Asa Coho, secretary. Seventeen ordained elders, and the thirteen licentiates, making a total of thirty preachers present. Number absent, thirty-one. Total conference membership, sixty-one. Jesse B. Slight, William J. Burtch, Isaac Pierce and George Kite, applicants, were received into the conference. Wm. Ammerman, Asa Coho, Robert Baker, and David Fawcett were ordained. The optimistic spirit of the preceding session of conference seems to have been of a prophetical character. Presiding elders, William Brown, John Fetterhoff, Josiah and William Davis, were the courageous chieftains, who led the militant forces of the United Brethren Church to glorious victory in Wabash Conference resulting in more than three thousand accessions to the church, with a net gain of two thousand one hundred and forty-four, members in the year of 1843. That magnetic frontier missionary, John Calvin McNamar, contributed largely to this achievement by his celebrated campaigns for Christ and the church in Clay and Owen Counties. The pentecostal outpouring upon the four presiding elders, the conference missionary, the twenty-one pastors, and the thousands of members, aroused, unified, and intensified them for the contest, in which, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit they achieved that signal triumph.

BISHOP WILLIAM BROWN

Bishop William Brown, son of Peter and Susannah Brown, was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, July 9, 1796. In his seventh year, William Brown stood by the bedside of his dying grandfather until the place became the very gate of heaven. From that hour the child's heart was drawn toward God, and heaven. He was converted at a big meeting at Abraham Mayer's barn, near Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in May, 1812. He was licensed to preach at a conference held at Daniel Long's, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, in 1816. In 1817 he was appointed to Hagerstown Circuit, Maryland. In 1818 and 1819 he traveled the Virginia Circuit with thirty appointments. He was a delegate from Hagerstown Conference to the General Conferences of 1821, 1825 and 1829. He was a delegate from Pennsylvania Conference to the General Conference of 1833 when he was elected Bishop of the United Brethren Church, which office he held the one term of four years. Bishop Christian Newcomer solemnized the marriage of Rev. William Brown to Sarah Koch, February 7, 1820. They had two children, Susan and William

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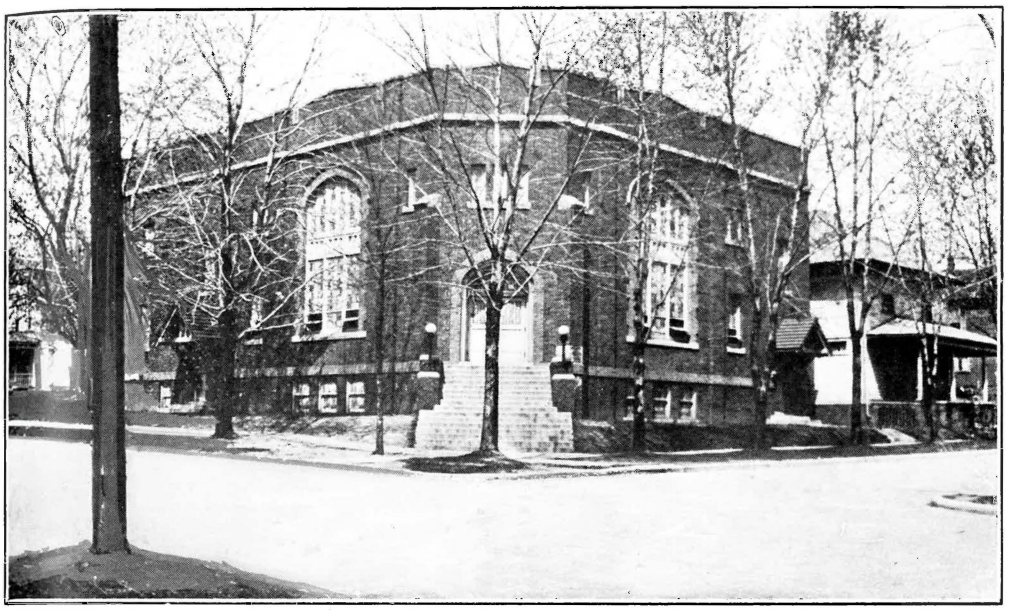

Veedersburg Church Organized By Rev. John Hoobler in 1827. Near Here the Sainted Margaret Brown Hoobler Entertained the Indiana Conference At Her House In 1831

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Otterbein for whom the town of Otterbein, Indiana, was named. Bishop Brown moved from Baltimore, Maryland, to Benton County, Indiana, in 1838, where he resided until his death which occurred May 11, 1868. His body, and that of his wife repose in the Pond Grove cemetery near the northeast corner of Warren County, Indiana. His unselfish disposition, high integrity, and spiritual discourses, were distinguishing features of his life.

The conference of 1843 elected William Davis, John Fetterhoff, John Hoobler and Josiah Davis presiding elders.

Wabash Conference convened in its tenth annual session at New Salem, Montgomery County, Indiana, March 21, 1844. Members present: Elders, twenty-eight; Licentiates, twenty-two. Total, fifty. Absent Elders, six; Licentiates, nine. Total, sixty-five. William M. Jones, J. A. Mast, J. Kennedy, Eli Hoover, Acher Ruland, A. Sage, George Zerface, S. C. Zuck, and J. A. Kenoyer, were received into the conference. With these ten additions the roll of preachers numbered seventy-five. The session was opened by Bishop Henry Kumler, Jr., reading the sixth chapter of First Timothy, followed by singing and prayer. Frederick Kenoyer was elected chairman and Josiah Davis, secretary. C. Jenks was received on certificate from the Methodist Protestant Church. William Davis was granted a transfer to Miami Conference. Josiah Davis, J. G. Eckles, and John Hoobler were elected presiding elders. Philip Newman, John P. Eckles, J. P. Ephlin, David Breeding, William Hoobler, Bazel Clevenger and J. T. Timmons were ordained.

The frontier missionary work in northern Indiana was carried forward at a great disadvantage. The work in the Saint Joseph country experienced many difficulties. Several societies were formed from 1836 to 1838, but for lack of support the missionary sent out by Wabash Conference had to leave the field. During the "sickly summer" of 1838 many of the members died and quite a number moved away. Owing to these causes, and the want of a preacher, four out of five classes were disbanded; and it is likely the former labor would have been entirely lost, if it had not been for the following singular Providence.

REV. EMSLEY H. LAMB

Emsley H. Lamb a young man living in that part of the state, had for two or three years felt it to be his duty to preach, and after the mission was left without a preacher, and he saw the work going to ruin, his impressions became deep and constant. He was com-

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mencing the business of life, and his prospects for worldly success were flattering. But he could not rest. The call of Christ was ever in his ear, and he concluded to forsake all and follow Jesus. Accordingly he settled his business affairs, prepared to engage in the itinerant work, and started for the Wabash Conference, which met that year near Crawfordsville, Indiana, a distance of one hundred and forty miles. One hundred miles of that distance he went alone; and although he had no license to preach; and was without any recommendation, whatever, he believed that he would be received into the conference, and into the itinerancy. The conference waiving all formalities received him, and appointed him to the vacant St. Joseph Circuit. On his first round he could not do much more than visit from house to house, and wait upon and pray for the sick. On his second round, Emsley H. Lamb established eleven appointments, distributed through the counties of Elkhart, St. Joseph and Laporte, in Indiana, and Berrien in Michigan, which he filled regularly every three weeks. Soon after James Davis the presiding elder, William Davis the pioneer missionary, and T. L. Garrigus, a local preacher moved into St. Joseph County. Under the joint labors of these four preachers, the work was revived, and became prosperous. Some new classes were formed and some old ones reorganized; and at the close of the year there were on the work six organized classes, all in a healthy condition.

That the increase in the number of religious denominations was generally discouraged is evidenced by the following statements from Berger's History: "The enlightened Christian thought regarded with disfavor any movement looking toward a new religious denomination." "Of Mr. Otterbein it has already been remarked that he was reluctant to take any steps looking toward the organization of a separate denomination."

An impression somewhat related to the aforesaid idea prevailed among United Brethren. It was thought that we should labor diligently for the conversion of the people, but that they should exercise their own pleasure in the matter of church membership. Thus when Rev. James Griffith, pastor of Wea Circuit, in 1839, held one of the greatest revivals of pioneer times at a point a few miles east of Attica, he returned home leaving the results of his labors to be husbanded by others. The Methodist Episcopal Church seeing the situation proceeded to organize a class which they gave the name of Bethel Church. It proved to be a prolific plant in their denominational development. Through the courtesy of Mr. J. W.

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Whicker, the capable historical writer, I am in possession of the information that the Bethel Church has sent out forty-five preachers who have borne the gospel message throughout northwestern Indiana and a number of the Western States as well as to the foreign fields. So that our peculiar idea of rejecting members of secret orders had an ally in our peculiar notion of non-solicitation of members from among our own converts. The execution of these ideas contributed largely to the diminution of our church membership. Notwithstanding these apparent hindrances the United Brethren Church had a remarkable growth during this period.

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CHAPTER IV

THE GROWTH OF WABASH CONFERENCE

(1845-1858)

ALMOST ten years had elapsed since Wabash Conference had convened in its first annual session at Rawling's Church, Parke County, Indiana. A large increase in the number of preachers and circuits was reported. Likewise there had been a corresponding advance in the number of church members in the conference. The conference minutes of 1835 showed two districts and six circuits, including the missions. The names of the charges were as follows: Coal Creek, Pine, St. Joseph, Vermilion, Wea and Mackinaw, the last named being in Illinois. The charter list consisted of seventeen preachers. The church membership, according to the best information obtainable was about 475.

During the first decade presiding elder districts had grown to five, and the circuits, embracing the missions, had increased to thirty-one. The conference minutes showed an enrollment of seventy-four preachers—a net gain of fifty-seven. The church membership, according to the most reliable estimate, had advanced to 3,500, making a net gain of more than three thousand members. This extraordinary growth of ministers and members and the remarkable expansion of the frontier work called for a division of the conference. John Hoobler, Josiah Davis, and John Denham, who were chosen delegates to the approaching General Conference, were entrusted with the responsibility of presenting the question of the division of the conference to the General Conference.

Accordingly when the ninth session of the General Conference met at Circleville, Ohio, in May, 1845, provision was made for the division of the Wabash Conference, resulting in the organization of the St Joseph, Illinois, and the Iowa Conferences.

The eleventh annual session of the Wabash Conference held at Concord, Tippecanoe County, Indiana, commencing April 11, 1845, afforded the Illinois and northern Indiana preachers the last opportunity to occupy their seats as members of the old conference. Bishop Henry Kumler, Sr., presided and Josiah Davis was elected secretary.

Elders present, twenty-six; Licentiates, twenty. Total present, forty-six. Absent elders, fifteen; Licentiates, thirteen. Total ab-

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sent, twenty-eight. William H. Brown, Hiram Freeman, Joseph Williams, Charles Schleigh, T. S. McNeil, Semer Jenks, Willis Rugnalds, Alexander Long, Joseph D. Hook, John Mandeville and David Wright, were received into the conference, making a total conference membership of eighty-five. Asa Coho was transferred to Miami Conference. Thomas J. Babcoke, George Davis, and Josiah Terrel were ordained. John Hoobler, E. T. Cook, John P. Shuey, T. J. Babcoke, and Josiah Terrel, were elected presiding elders.

The following is a list of the appointments: Eastern District—John Hoobler, P.E.; Jefferson Circuit, T. S. McNeil; Concord, Josiah Davis; Coal Creek, W. M. Jones; Rockville, A. Wimsett, D. Wright; Eel River, Wm. G. Eckles; Black Creek, J. G. Eckles; Bowling Green, John C. McNamar; Crawfordsville, Wm. Ammerman; Lebanon, George Kite. Western District—J. P. Shuey, P.E.; Pine Circuit, J. M. Hershey; Vermilion, E. Shuey; Clinton, J. P. Ephlin; Hebron, C. P. Mills; Westfield, S. A. Potts; Grove Mission, D. Fawcett. Tippecanoe District—E. T. Cook, P.E.; Tippecanoe, S. C. Zuck; Logansport, E. T. Cook; Huntington, J. A. Mast; Warsaw, J. Surran. Illinois District—Josiah Terrel, P.E.; Iroquois, A. Long; Bath Mission, B. E. Shields; Mackinaw, J. B. McVey; Mackinaw Mission, J. A. Kenoyer; Spoon River Circuit, I. Pierce; Spoon River Mission, J. Mandeville; Vermont, H. Freeman. Berrien District—T. J. Babcoke, P.E.; Berrien Circuit, T. J. Babcoke; Elkhart Station, E. H. Lamb; Elkhart Circuit, J. B. Slight; St. Joseph, W. J. Burtch; Yellow River, Bazel Clevenger. These assignments covered a period of about six months, when this large circle of heroic preachers separated to form the smaller and more compact circles of the annual conferences authorized by the General Conference.

Associated with the early history of Wabash Conference, the following events occurred, that are entitled to a place in this record. In 1834 Joseph Terrel, who with his wife was a member of the United Brethren Church, emigrated to Fulton County, Indiana. For thirty miles they surveyed and cut their own road through the wilderness. In the forests of Fulton County with little society except Indians, who were numerous, they erected the family altar. In the autumn after their arrival a prayer-meeting was started at Joseph Terrel's house.

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REV. JOHN S. TOLBERT

In the fall of 1839 Rev. John S. Tolbert who had charge of Tippecanoe Mission in the Wabash Conference, depending wholly upon his own resources, preached in Fulton County and established several appointments. One day while Brother Terrel was plowing in his field, some twenty rods from the road, he saw a man riding along who appeared so much like a United Brethren minister, that he started to hail him, but thinking he might be mistaken returned to his plowing. The stranger, who had similar impressions after riding on to the next house where he was informed that Mr. Terrel was a United Brethren immediately returned. The result was a two-days' meeting held by Rev. J. S. Tolbert at the house of Joseph Terrel, where a class was organized composed of eight members. Soon afterward Joseph Terrel began preaching and in 1842 entered Wabash Conference.

PIONEER CAMP-MEETINGS

In the autumn of 1840 a camp-meeting was held near Joseph Terrel's during which more than fifty conversions occurred. In August, 1841, another camp-meeting was held, on the same ground, which was said to have been one of the most powerful meetings ever held in that country. Scores of souls found peace in accepting Christ. Among the persons awakened at this meeting was Josiah Terrel, a man of considerable note in the neighborhood. Being one of Satan's recruiting officers, he delighted in sports of various kinds, played the violin well, and liked to dance. Drawn to the camp-meeting by curiosity he was awakened, went forward to the altar, made a public confession of his sinful life, expressed his determination to be a Christian, and knelt as a penitent at the mourners bench. While he spoke every eye was filled with tears, and after he knelt his plaintive voice pleading for mercy could be heard above all the other voices. But he did not find peace at that meeting. He requested Rev. Emsley Lamb the night after the meeting closed to preach at his house, which he did. During the meeting Josiah Terrel arose, confessed how he had been attached to the fiddle and had taught his children and neighbors to dance, asked forgiveness of all, and then taking down the violin, he threw it into the fire. Soon after he found salvation, and began to preach. He entered Wabash Conference in 1842, and was assigned to Warsaw Mission. He was elected presiding elder in 1845.

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CONFERENCE BOUNDARIES

NOTE: The General Conference of 1845, having changed the Boundary of Wabash Conference in setting apart the northern portion of its territory in constituting the St. Joseph Conference the new boundary of Wabash Conference read as follows: "Commencing at Lafayette; thence east to Strawtown, thence down White River to its mouth, thence west to Vandalia in Illinois, thence to Shelbyville, Illinois, thence up the Grand Prairie in a northeast direction to Parish Grove, thence to the head of Big Pine Creek, thence east to the place of beginning." The larger part of Illinois was lost by Wabash Conference in 1845 by the formation of the Illinois Conference.

The twelfth annual session of Wabash Conference, Church of the United Brethren in Christ, met at the Cross Roads meeting-house, Vermilion County, Indiana. September 5, 1845, Bishop John Russel, presiding, Josiah Davis was chosen chairman, and T. S. McNeil, secretary. Fourteen elders and twelve licentiates, making a total of twenty-six preachers present. Twenty-four preachers were absent. Total conference membership, fifty. William B. Baily was received into the conference. A. Sage had withdrawn from the conference. Alexander Long was received into the conference on his transfer from Illinois Conference. John Hoobler and John P. Shuey were elected presiding elders.

REV. JAMES DAVIS

James Davis was converted in 1830, and became a member of a United Brethren society in the vicinity of Milford, Warren County, Indiana, soon thereafter. He was the first person converted under the labors of Rev. John Hoobler, to enter the ministry. He was received into the Indiana Conference held at the Union meeting-house, (nicknamed Kingdom) now Blue River Church, Shelby County, Indiana, in September, 1833.

His appointments were as follows: 1833, Wea, two years; 1835, Coal Creek; 1836, Vermilion; 1837, Wea; 1838, St. Joseph. In 1839 he was chosen presiding elder by Wabash Conference, and assigned to St. Joseph District. In 1843 he was appointed to Wisconsin Mission, extending his labors over southern Wisconsin, and northern Illinois. He was called the father of Wisconsin Conference. In order to qualify himself for the work he took along both English and German textbooks, which he studied until he became conversant in both languages. His labors were attended with great outpourings

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of the Spirit of Grace, and the power of salvation. The appearance of the man, his earnestness and soul stirring appeals to all men to come home to the Savior gave him great success wherever he went. His history is a marvel of power in soul saving. He passed to his crowning April 12, 1854.

The Wabash Conference met in its thirteenth annual session at Brother Isaac Bolson's in Vigo County, Indiana, September 26, 1846, Bishop J. J. Glossbrenner, presiding. John Hoobler was elected chairman, and T. S. McNeil, secretary. The roll was called, and the following preachers were present: Elders, John Hoobler, James Griffith, J. P. Shuey, Ephraim Shuey, William Ammerman, William Hoobler, John P. Ephlin, Charles Beam, John G. Eckles, William Eckles. Total, ten. Licentiates, Wm. H. Brown, John Burtner, Wm. M. Jones, T. S. McNeil, George Kite, Isaac Pearce, David Wright, Jacob Whitezel, Andrew Wimsett, and S. C. Zuck. Total, ten. Whole number present, twenty. Preachers absent: Elders, William Brown, Simon Brown, J. C. McNamar, George Newman, E. T. Cook, A. W. Hedge, Joseph Ashley, Dillon Bridges, John Peters, George Davis, Milton Garrison, William Ludlow, Philip Newman, John Villers, and George Zerface. Total, fifteen. Licentiates: C. P. Mills, D. Fiske, J. W. Pickard, A. Ruland, Abraham Eckles, Joseph Williams, Willis Rugnalds, Samuel Simmons, S. A. Potts, I. Reeves, and J. Scarlet. Total, eleven. Number absent, twenty-six. Harlan S. Brown was received into the conference. David Fawcett and Alexander Long died during the year. John Burtner, Wm. M. Jones, George Kite, T. S. McNeil and Andrew Wimsett were ordained. John Hoobler and John P. Shuey were elected presiding elders. John Hoobler was assigned to the North District with the following charges: Coal Creek, Crawfordsville, Concord, Pine and Vermilion Circuits, and Lebanon Mission. The Telescope issue of January 27, 1847, contains an account of the following:

REVIVALS ON NORTH DISTRICT, WABASH CONFERENCE

The presiding elder writes as follows: "I arrived home from my district on the 22nd day of December, 1846, having attended all my quarterly meetings on my first round, except on our circuit, namely, Vermilion, which commenced on Christmas night at our Cross Roads meeting-house, and continued until Sunday night, January 10, 1847, being two weeks and two days; and such a time I have never witnessed before. We had but little help after Monday morning. All

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left but Brother Jones the circuit preacher, and Brother Kite from Coal Creek Circuit, who stayed and labored like men of God, and the Lord blessed our meeting greatly. The power of God was felt all over the house. There was as high as thirty at the mourners bench at one time. Upwards of fifty souls came up to be prayed for, and a good many professed religion. Nineteen joined the church. We had a great deal of rain, snow, and cold, but let the night be as it would the people would still come to meeting. We lacked help of men, but the Lord was truly with us. Some of our members told me that it seemed all the while like the Sabbath. We had a good meeting on Lebanon Mission. The meeting was still in progress on Concord Circuit when I left. I have been buffeted by the devil, and his servants, but I still feel a constant feast of love to my soul. Oh my soul says, praise ye the Lord for what he has done, and is still doing for us."

Perrysville, Indiana, January 13, 1847. (Signed) John Hoobler.

The fourteenth annual session of Wabash Conference was held at Otterbein Church, Coles County, Illinois, September 22, 1847. Bishop William Hanby presided over the conference. The conference by ballot elected John Hoobler chairman, and W. M. Jones, secretary. Members present, twenty-four; absent, twenty-three. Total membership, forty-seven. Christopher Wright and Peter Titsworth were received into the conference. Philip Newman was transferred to Iowa Conference; J. G. Eckles to Illinois Conference, and William Ludlow, to Miami Conference. S. C. Zuck, C. P. Mills and Samuel Simons were ordained. John Hoobler and John P. Shuey were elected presiding elders.

BISHOP JOHN McNAMAR

John C. McNamar had died during the year. A minister whose paternal ancestors were Scotchmen from whom he had inherited his mental acumen, spiritual fervor, and judicial poise—essential equipments of a challenging crusader calling fighting and festive freemen from the fascinations of sin to the sure salvation through our sublime Savior. Like his divine Master, John C. McNamar, had no burial ground. As Jesus was buried in Joseph's tomb, so McNamar, the disciple of Jesus, was buried in a tomb provided by by one of his converts, Joseph Ecret, who gave the ground for his burial. McNamar died about the middle of November, 1846, at

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the age of sixty-seven years. His burial was humble, but his heavenly crowning was glorious. Even to this day his burial ground in its solitude in Owen County, Indiana, retains a resemblance to the primeval conditions that prevailed when the bereaved brethren committed the body of their missionary pastor, to its earthly resting place to await the resurrection of the just.

Wabash Conference convened in its fifteenth annual session at the Cross Roads meeting-house, Vermilion County, Indiana, September 21, 1848, Bishop William Hanby, presiding. Conference proceeded by ballot and elected James Griffith, chairman, and William M. Jones, secretary. The roll was called, twenty-two preachers were present and twenty-one were absent. Milton Garrison was transferred to Iowa Conference and Harlan Brown to Sandusky Conference. Walton C. Smith, A. Peterson, Jacob Dice, S. H. Hall, and Silas Watts were received into the conference.

Peter Titsworth was tried and expelled. James Griffith and Amos W. Hedge, were elected presiding elders. The Stationing Committee reported as follows: North District—James Griffith, P.E.; Coal Creek, S. A. Potts; Crawfordsville, to be supplied; Concord, W. C. Smith; Pine Creek, W. M. Jones; Vermilion, A. Wimsett; Lebanon, S. F. Hall. Southern District—Amos W. Hedge, P.E.; Clinton, Frederick Kenoyer; Hebron, Henry Stump; Westfield, J. P. Shuey; Black Creek to be supplied; Eel River, C. P. Mills; Rockville, J. A. Mast.

REV. JOHN FETTERHOFF

John Fetterhoff, joined Miami Conference in 1818. He entered the active itinerancy, and gave twenty years to that conference. He represented Miami Conference in four sessions of General Conference, namely, 1825, 1829, 1833, and 1837. John Fetterhoff transferred to Wabash Conference in 1838, whereupon he was chosen presiding elder of the district embodying the whole conference. He served five years as presiding elder. After serving Rockville, and Crawfordsville charges each one year, he became a charter member of St. Joseph Conference at its organization in 1845. He gave many years to the ministry in that conference. He was chosen delegate from St. Joseph Conference to the General Conference of 1853.

REV. ANDREW WIMSETT

Andrew Wimsett was born January 7, 1823. At the age of nineteen he entered Wabash Conference at its eighth annual session held at Jefferson, Indiana, in 1842. He was ordained an elder in

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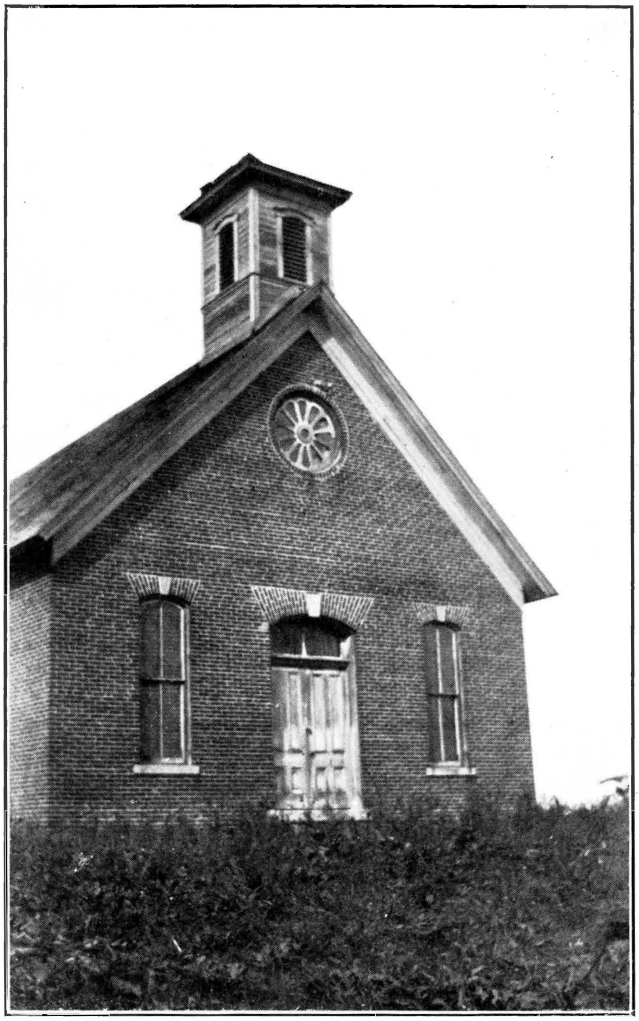

Fairview Church, Parke County, Indiana, Organized By Rev. Jacob Mahan In 1828

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1846. He was an active itinerant in Wabash Conference thirteen years, and a delegate from that conference to the General Conference of 1853. In 1855 he transferred to Illinois Conference, where he continued in the active work for seventeen years. He transferred to Central Illinois Conference where he held membership until his death, which occurred January 29, 1901.

REV. EPHRAIM SHUEY

Ephraim Shuey was born January 16, 1814. He entered Wabash Conference in 1836, and was ordained in 1839. He gave twenty-two years to the pastorate in the Wabash and the Lower Wabash Conferences. He served two years as presiding elder in the Lower Wabash Conference. He entered into his eternal rest January 24, 1897.

REV. JOHN P. SHUEY

John P. Shuey entered Wabash Conference in 1836 and was ordained in 1839. He was received into the itinerancy in 1837, and appointed to Vermilion Circuit. He gave twenty years to the pastorate. He was a delegate from Wabash Conference to three quadrennial General Conferences, which convened in 1849, 1853, and 1857. When Wabash Conference was divided he chose Lower Wabash Conference, which he represented in the General Conference of 1861. After consecrating thirty-two years to the active work he passed to his heavenly reward.

The sixteenth annual session of Wabash Conference met at New Goshen Church, Vigo County, Indiana, September 13, 1849. Bishop David Edwards presided over the conference; James Griffith, was elected chairman, and Wm. M. Jones, secretary. The roll was called. Twenty-five members were present, and eighteen were absent. A. Briley, Alexander Helton, George Shigley, and William J. Newcome, applicants, were received into the conference. George Myers was received on his transfer from Illinois Conference, and B. B. Allen was received on his credentials from the Methodist Protestant Church. John Hoobler was elected conference treasurer of the benevolence fund. David Wright and William H. Brown were ordained; James Griffith and Frederick Kenoyer were elected presiding elders.

The conference passed the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That no brother use tobacco in the house during the hours of the conference." The following resolution was adopted: "*Resolved*,

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That the question be put to every member of this conference,—Do you believe in the doctrine of future eternal punishment?" After which the names were called commencing with the chairman and the question was answered in the affirmative by all.

REV. AMOS W. HEDGE

Amos W. Hedge was converted and joined the United Brethren Church about 1837. He was a giant in size, being over six feet tall, large frame, broad shoulders, muscular body, and massive physique. He soon began church work as a local preacher. On the first day of September, 1839, he started on horseback to Wabash Conference, which met at William Baker's nine miles east of Lafayette, the distance exceeding one hundred miles. He was admitted to the conference, and a year later he was assigned to Eel River Circuit whch he served three years. He organized Union Class, south of Brazil. On one occasion Rev. Amos W. Hedge was preaching at the old Zenor log church at Prairie City, Clay County, Indiana, and a skeptic by the name of Cromwell, a local leader of men of his kind, was seated in front of the preacher on a slab bench without any back to it. The preacher made a statement in his discourse which Cromwell disputed. Rev. Amos Hedge picked up an old square heavy United Brethren hymn book, and with powerful arm and hand threw the book at Cromwell. It hit Cromwell on the head and knocked him over backward onto the floor. Cromwell never again disputed the word of Rev. A. W. Hedge, neither did Amos Hedge ever need to call on a policeman to assist him in keeping order.

Wabash Conference convened in its seventeenth annual session at Milford, Warren County, Indiana, September 6, 1850, Bishop J. J. Glossbrenner, presiding. James Griffith was elected chairman; William M. Jones, secretary, and W. C. Smith, assistant secretary. Twenty-five preachers were present, and eighteen were absent. William Ashby and Jacob Waymire were received into the conference. Isaac Pierce died during the conference year. S. A. Potts, John Burtner, J. P. Ephlin, and Jacob Waymire were received into the itinerancy. Charles P. Mills received a letter of dismission from the church. Christopher Wright was expelled for immoral conduct. Frederick Kenoyer and James Griffith were elected presiding elders.

STATISTICS OF WABASH CONFERENCE IN 1850

The Statistical table showed the following footings: Appointments, 156; classes, 83; whole number of members, 2,511; members

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received during the year, 753; three charges having received more than one hundred members each; members expelled, 53; members withdrawn, 34; members removed, 33; members died, 26; net increase, 529. Preachers' salary, $998.53; Presiding Elders' Salary, $198.42; Bishops' Collection, $34.38; Missionary Collection, $67.80; Religious Telescopes, 691; German Telescopes, 5. Total collected for all purposes, $1,299.13.

The eighteenth annual session of Wabash Conference met at the Raven's Creek Church, Parke County, Indiana, September 4, 1851, Bishop Jacob Erb, presiding. Frederick Kenoyer, was elected chairman; William M. Jones, was elected secretary, and W. C. Smith, assistant secretary. J. Cotman, A. Zerface, and D. Shuler were received into the conference. Thirty-two preachers were present and twelve were absent. Philo A. Canaday was received on his transfer from Indiana Conference, G. Bonebrake, and Joseph Manning were received subject to their transfers from White River Conference. A. P. Eckles was expelled for dishonesty in his dealings, and Joseph Williams for refusing to comply with the rules of the church. James Griffith and Frederick Kenoyer were elected presiding elders.

REV. JOHN G. ECKLES

John G. Eckles who had received ministerial orders in the Methodist Episcopal Church was admitted into Indiana Conference at its session held at Franklin Church, in 1832 on his credentials from the Methodist Church. He was appointed to Tanner's Creek Circuit, located in Dearborn and adjacent counties, where he gave two very successful years to the work. After devoting nine years to the pastorate in Indiana Conference, he transferred in 1841 to Wabash Conference. He spent five years more in the pastorate, and after one year in the presiding eldership, in 1847, he transferred to Illinois Conference, where he dedicated his heroic life to the itinerant ministry of the United Brethren Church.

REV. ELIJAH T. COOK

Elijah T. Cook was admitted to the Indiana Conference at its session held at Union (Kingdom) meeting-house, Shelby County, Indiana, in September, 1833. He at once began itinerant work. At the organization of Wabash Conference in 1835 he became one of its charter members. Seventeen years of his life was given to the ministry in the Wabash country. He labored fifteen years in the pastorate and two years as presiding elder.

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REV. J. A. KENOYER

Jacob A. Kenoyer, son of Rev. Frederick Kenoyer, entered Wabash Conference in 1844, and was ordained an elder in the Church in 1848. He went forth as a joyful herald of the Cross. He was an able preacher of the gospel. His pastoral labors extended through fourteen years. He filled the office of presiding elder for a period of eight years.

REV. JOHN A. MAST

John A. Mast was born September 17, 1818. He was transferred from our German Conference to Wabash Conference in 1844. His pastoral labors extended through a period of twenty-four years. He died March 26, 1894. A beautiful monument has been erected at his tomb in Toronto cemetery, near Dana, Vermilion County, Indiana

REV. SAMUEL C. ZUCK

Samuel C. Zuck was born May 15, 1822. He was licensed to preach by Wabash Conference in 1844, and received ordination in 1847. Brother Zuck at once yielded his life to the itinerant altar of consecration. After serving thirteen years in the pastorate of the Wabash Conference, he transferred to the Wisconsin Conference in 1857, which he represented in the General Conference of 1865. His radiant soul found inspirational delight in proclaiming the gospel to perishing souls in that frontier field. After giving seventeen years to the ministry in Wisconsin Conference, in 1874, he transferred to Upper Wabash Conference where he spent twelve years in the pastorate and three years in the presiding eldership. Having given forty-five years to the active ministry, he attested his sublime devotion to Christ and his glorious cause, by laying down his life in the active itinerancy. He went to his heavenly crowning in 1889.

Wabash Conference met in its nineteenth annual session at the Otterbein Church, (near Westfield) Coles County, Illinois, September 17, 1852. J. J. Glossbrenner was the presiding Bishop. James Griffith, was elected chairman, and W. C. Smith and Jacob Dice, secretaries. The roll was called. Twenty-two members were present, and twenty-three absent. Thomas M. Hamilton, Matthias Martin and Jonathan Whitezel were received into the conference. James Davis was received into the conference on his transfer. John

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Hoobler was granted a transfer to Illinois Conference. The following item is from the Boundary Report: "That Coal Creek Circuit be divided, making the State Road running from Covington to Crawfordsville the boundary line, with the exception of Salem Church, which goes to the north. The northern part to be called Chambersburg Circuit and the southern part to retain the name of the Coal Creek Circuit. Take from Concord Circuit, Pleasant Grove, Laymans, and Lafayette, and constitute a mission to be called Lafayette Mission. This action is an indication of the growth of the church in Fountain and Tippecanoe Counties, thus enabling the conference to proceed in the multiplication of these charges. James Davis and J. P. Shuey were elected presiding elders.

REV. DAVID BROWN

David Brown, son of Peter Brown, and brother of Bishop William Brown, born in Pennsylvania, March, 1813, came to Warren County, Indiana, in 1827. He married Elizabeth Evinger, daughter of Rev. Henry Evinger, of Miami Conference. David Brown entered Wabash Conference as a charter member in 1835, and gave many years to the active ministry. He was ordained an elder in 1839. His daughter Mahala Brown married Rev. Oliver Hadley, with whom she went as a missionary to Africa in 1866. They both returned early in 1869. Brother Hadley died April 28, 1869, of African fever, and is buried in Pond Grove Cemetery, Warren County, Indiana.

The twentieth annual session of Wabash Conference was held at Mount Pleasant meeting-house, Clay County, Indiana, September 16, 1853, Bishop David Edwards presiding. James Griffith, was elected chairman, and W. C. Smith and Jacob Dice, secretaries. Thirty-one members were present, and seventeen absent. William Sherrill, Campbell Brock, William H. Kimberlin, Henry Clark, and Robert R. Drake were received into the conference. Alexander Helton, S. A. Potts, William Ashby, Silas Watts and Jacob Waymire were ordained. James Griffith, John P. Shuey and Joseph Manning were elected presiding elders. At the time of this conference the missionary movement was receiving a large share of attention in the United Brethren Church. The General Conference at its meeting in May, 1853, had taken advanced steps in the adoption of a Constitution of the Home Frontier, and Foreign Missionary Society, which provided that all members of the church, by virtue of that fact were members of the missionary society. T. J. Conner

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had been appointed a missionary to Oregon. Mr. Conner and J. Kenoyer accompanied by four other ministers reached Council Bluffs, Iowa, May 3, 1853, where sixteen families of prospective colonists had assembled. From this place these emigrants set out overland for Oregon, where they arrived late that year. The fact that J. Kenoyer was from Wabash Conference and a son of Rev. Frederick Kenoyer, a presiding elder of that conference, had something to do with the great interest that was manifested in Wabash Conference in the far-off Oregon mission field.

Wabash Conference met in its twenty-first annual session at Brown Chapel, (New Castle Church) Fountain County, Indiana, August 30, 1854. Bishop David Edwards presided, assisted by former Bishop William Brown. James Griffith was elected chairman, and Walton C. Smith and Jacob Dice, secretaries. The roll was called. Thirty-seven members were present and thirteen were absent. Ira Mater, Ezekiel Jackson, and John S. Simmons were admitted to the conference. Joseph Manning, Samuel C. Zuck and W. C. Smith were elected presiding elders. The Brown Cemetery adjoining the site of Brown Chapel is the burial place of Rev. Simon Brown, a charter member of Wabash Conference, and of the Brown Class.

A most cordial invitation is extended to the reader to accompany us to Otterbein Church, Coles County, Illinois, this August 30, 1855, where the twenty-second annual session of Wabash Conference has assembled

Bishop D. Edwards is the presiding Bishop. James Griffith is chairman, and W. C. Smith and Ira Mater, secretaries. John Peters comes by transfer from St. Joseph Conference. J. C. Fleming, William Pentzer, Martin Hale, George Jackson, J. G. Shuey and J. Timmons were admitted to the conference. Samuel Allenbaugh from the Lutheran Church was received into the conference on his credentials. D. Shuler, M. Martin and A. Wimsett were each granted transfers. W. H. Kimberlin's name was erased from the conference roll. Wm. Ashby and A. Zerface were voted as having withdrawn from the church. Francis Cheny, and Isaac Pickard had died during the year. Thomas M. Hamilton and Daniel Stolz were ordained. James Griffith, J. P. Shuey, W. C. Smith and A. Briley were elected presiding elders.

Looking back two decades to the organization of Wabash Conference at Rawling's Church, Parke County, Indiana, September 15, 1835, we see seventeen preachers with seven charges and five hundred

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members commence to grow into three annual conferences, more than one hundred and thirty preachers, seventy charges, and eight thousand members in a short period of twenty years. This monumental work and these heroic United Brethren preachers who turned so many to righteousness, shall shine as the stars forever, and ever.

The twenty-third annual session of Wabash Conference met at the Cross Roads meeting-house, Vermilion County, Indiana, August 15, 1856, Bishop D. Edwards, presiding. James Griffith, was elected chairman, and Ira Mater and Walton C. Smith, secretaries. Thirty-five preachers were present, and sixteen absent. R. W. Belknap, Samuel Stark, A. Bales, William J. Bledsoe, A. J. Gear, Levi Kerns, J. F. Moore, J. Davidson, Samuel Rush, Abner Storms, and Thomas Guisinger were each received into the conference. Joseph Manning, J. C. Fleming and George Jackson were granted transfers. James Griffith, J. P. Shuey, and W. C. Smith were elected presiding elders.

ALLOTMENTS OF LABOR—1856

East District—James Griffith, P.E.; Chambersburg, T. M. Hamilton; Coal Creek, J. Burtner; Rockville, Geo. Kite; Otter Creek, Ira Mater; Mt. Pleasant, Thos. Guisinger; Sullivan, S. Rush; Poland, Joseph McKee; Ladoga, Campbell Brock; Terre Haute, Levi Kerns. North District—W. C. Smith, P.E.; Perrysville, S. C. Zuck; Pine and Williamsport, A. J. Gear and J. F. Moore; Concord, Jacob Waymire; Vermilion, Wm. Sherrill; Middleport, Wm. Pentzer; Rensselaer, W. J. Bledsoe; Tippecanoe, George Myers; Lebanon, A. Storms. Westfield District—J. P. Shuey, P. E.; Dolson, Alexander Helton; Olney, W. H. Brown; Freemanton, A. W. Belknap; Brouillet's Creek, Geo. Shigley; New Goshen, J. A. Kenoyer; Prairie City, Samuel Stark; Hebron and Granville, E. Jackson, H. Elwell; Westfield, W. M. Jones.

REV. JAMES GRIFFITH

Rev. James Griffith was born May 17, 1798. He was quite well educated, and possessed rare natural gifts. He entered Indiana Conference as a charter member in 1830, giving five years ministerial service in that conference. In 1835 he became a charter member of Wabash Conference. When Wabash Conference was divided in 1858, he went with the Upper Wabash Conference, in which he had membership until his death. James Griffith gave twenty-two years to the pastorate, sixteen years to the presiding eldership, and

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ten years to home and frontier mission work. He was assigned to the St. Joseph Mission in 1835, being one of the first three appointees to that field. He occupied an important place in the corner stone laying of St. Joseph Conference. He was a delegate to the General Conferences of 1833, 1849, 1857, 1861, 1869, 1873. He advocated educational progress, temperance reform, and the abolishment of human slavery. He was an able preacher of the gospel. It was believed by capable judges that he was the peer of Bishop Jonathan Weaver, and other eminent preachers of the church. A short time before his death he requested to be raised up in his bed. He said to his son, "Bring my staff to me." On receiving it he brought it down upon the floor as if he were testing the foundation of the church. When he struck the floor with his staff, he said "Solid Rock! Upon this Rock I have been building during life, and now it supports me in death." He died December 8, 1876. A large granite monument is erected at his tomb in the cemetery a mile west of his old home at Perrysville, Indiana. "Father Griffith possessed the heroic character. He was an ecclesiastical giant. He was an indomitable champion of the doctrines of faith, regeneration, the resurrection of the body, and the authenticity and inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. He has gone to dwell with the immortelles in that far off sweet forever where mortality shall be swallowed up of life."

REVIVALS ON ROCKVILLE CIRCUIT

Rev. William Sherrill, pastor of Rockville Circuit, Wabash Conference, gives accounts of the following revivals which were published in the Religious Telescope, February 20, 1856: "We commenced a protracted meeting at the Union Class, January 12, lasting twelve days. The Lord poured out his grace and spirit upon us. The church was much revived and twenty cast in their lot with us. Our second quarterly meeting commenced on the 25th of January in our Cross Roads (Rawling's) meeting-house. I never saw a more visible display of the Divine power in my life. We encouraged the young members to hold prayer meetings at intervals and there were several conversions at these meetings. Thirteen found pardon, and fourteen joined the church. The circuit is in good condition."

William Sherrill.

February 5, 1856.

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REVIVALS ON CHAMBERSBURG CIRCUIT

Rev. Thomas M. Hamilton, pastor of Chambersburg Circuit, Wabash Conference, reports the following revivals on his charge, which were published in the Telescope of April 16, 1856: "At our second protracted effort near Hillsborough, the Lord was with us to kill and to make alive. Fourteen united with the church, all but two professed conversion. We have made two protracted efforts at Chambersburg, Fountain County, which have been a great blessing to the church and village. At our last meeting which commenced on the fifteenth of March, I have seldom ever witnessed such displays of gracious power. Forty persons have united with the church on the circuit, most of whom profess to know God in the pardon of their sins. Oh, for a consecrated ministry, and a devoted church."

April 4, 1856 (Signed) T. M. Hamilton

NOTE: Chambersburg is the eastern suburb of Veedersburg, Indiana, and the two places are simply different locations of the same church. This revival was the last one on earth that Margaret Hoobler was permitted to attend as she died January 16, 1857.

Wabash Conference met in its twenty-fourth annual session at Roaring Creek meeting-house, (Rawling's meeting-house) Parke County, Indiana, August 27, 1857. Rev. David Edwards, Bishop. James Griffith, was elected chairman, and W. C. Smith and A. Bales, secretaries. Thirty-eight members were present, and nineteen absent. Joseph McKee, William M. Givens, Ransom Clark, James Tolbert, applicants, and Jeremiah Hinton, an elder from the Baptist Church, were admitted to the conference. S. C. Steward was received on transfer from Muskingum Conference, and M. Tobey from Miami Conference.

S. C. Zuck was granted a transfer to any western conference. Ira Mater, Ezekiel Jackson, M. Hale and Henry Clark were ordained. James Griffith, W. C. Smith, and T. M. Hamilton were elected presiding elders.

STATISTICS—1857

Appointments, 300; classes, 220; number of members at beginning of year, 4,983; number received, 1,604; expelled, 41; dropped, 758; died, 59; removed, 358; withdrawn, 84; present membership, 5,087; increase, 104. Preachers' salaries, $4,467; collected for

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missions, $667; conference collection, $93. Number of Telescopes, 674; Children's Friends, 382; number meeting-houses, 44; Sabbath schools, 64; teachers, 369; scholars, 2,457; Sunday-school collections, $162.

The twenty-fifth annual session of Wabash Conference met at New Goshen, Vigo County, Indiana, August 19, 1858, Bishop D. Edwards, presiding. James Griffith was elected chairman, and W. C. Smith and A. Bales, secretaries. Forty-five preachers were present, and twenty preachers were absent. A. J. Bailey, Joel Cowgill, James Easton, D. A. Beauchamp, John Brenner, J. L. Cardwell, Samuel Bussard, Samuel Greason, E. A. Hartman, and J. A. Smith, applicants, were admitted to the annual conference. J. W. Nye of Indiana Conference, and A. Sweazy, of Scioto Conference were received into the conference on their transfers. J. G. Shuey was granted a transfer to White River Conference, R. R. Drake to St. Joseph Conference, and George Kite to Wisconsin Conference. The following action was taken by the Wabash Conference:

BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN UPPER AND LOWER WABASH CONFERENCES

According to permission given to this annual conference by the last General Conference, the conference entered into a division of the body, the dividing line, as follows: Commencing at Gosport on White River, thence west to Greencastle, Indiana, thence on the Terre Haute and Richmond railroad to Terre Haute; thence up the Wabash River to the mouth of Brouilette Creek, thence up said creek to Cherry Point, thence northwest to the Air Line railroad, thence west on said road to the line between the Wabash and Illinois Conferences; that north of said line to be called the Upper Wabash Conference, and that south of said line to be called the Lower Wabash Conference.

At this closing session of Wabash Conference, presiding elders were elected as follows: Upper Wabash Conference, James Griffith and T. M. Hamilton; Lower Wabash Conference, Absalom Briley, and Walton C. Smith. One of the appointments at this session of conference was Carpenter's Creek Mission, Isaac W. Joyce, who the next year went to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in 1888, thirty years after serving this home mission field, was elected Bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which office he served with ability until his death, which occurred July 28, 1905.

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In this division of the Wabash Conference in 1858, the Lower Wabash Conference was recognized as the new conference.

REV. S. C. STEWARD

S. C. Steward who entered Muskingum Conference, in eastern Ohio in 1838, after giving eighteen years to the itinerancy in that conference, transferred in 1857 to Wabash Conference, where after serving Fayette Circuit one year, when the conference was divided he cast his lot with Lower Wabash Conference. Brother Steward devoted seven years to the pastorate and three years to the presiding eldership in the Wabash Conference, making a total of twenty-eight years in the itinerant ministry. He was a delegate from Lower Wabash Conference to the General Conference of 1861. Lawrence in his Church History says: "Since 1838 the Lord of the harvest has sent forth S. C. Steward an itinerant laborer not excelled anywhere in the United Brethren Church."

REV. WILLIAM PENTZER

William Pentzer was born in 1821. He entered Wabash Conference in 1855, and was ordained in 1859. After spending eighteen years in the itinerant ministry of Wabash, and Upper Wabash Conferences, he transferred in 1877 to the Lower Wabash Conference, where he spent several years in the itinerancy. On a beautiful autumn day, surrounded by fields of ripe grain, this prophet in Israel, like a ripe shock of corn was gathered on October 11, 1906, into the golden garner of eternal glory

REV. J. W. NYE

J. W. Nye was born January 21, 1835. He was received into Indiana Conference in 1856. He transferred to Wabash Conference in 1858, the year it was divided. He went with the Lower Wabash Conference where his itinerant service continued until 1875, when he was transferred to Upper Wabash Conference. His active itinerant service was distributed as follows: Indiana Conference, two years; Lower Wabash Conference, pastor ten years; presiding elder, seven years; Upper Wabash Conference, pastor twelve years; presiding elder, fourteen years; making a total of forty-five years, of which twenty-four years was devoted to pastoral service, and twenty-one years to the presiding eldership. He served six years as secretary. He represented Lower Wabash Conference in the General Conference of 1873, and was a delegate from Upper Wabash Conference to the General Conferences of 1881, 1885, 1889, 1893,

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and 1897. He passed to his heavenly crowning on Decoration Day of May, 1913.

REV. HIRAM ELWELL

Hiram Elwell entered Wabash Conference in 1857. After giving one year to the pastorate, when the Wabash Conference was divided in 1858, he went with the Lower Wabash Conference, where he dedicated eleven years to the pastorate, and six years to the presiding eldership. In 1878 he transferred to Upper Wabash Conference, where he gave five years each to the pastorate and presiding eldership. His itinerant ministry aggregated twenty-eight years. He served three years as conference secretary. He represented Lower Wabash Conference in the General Conference of 1865.

CONFERENCE PROGRESS

The growth of Wabash Conference from 1845 until 1858 is shown by the following comparisons. In 1845 Wabash Conference had seventy-four preachers, thirty-one charges, thirty-two meeting-houses, and 3500 church members. In 1858 the reports indicated an enrollment of eighty-eight preachers, forty-three charges, fifty-four meeting-houses, and 6,728 members, thus showing a net increase of fourteen preachers, twelve charges, twenty-two meeting-houses, and 3,228 members—the membership having nearly doubled in thirteen years. During the same period the number of Sunday schools increased from thirty-five to sixty-six, and the Sunday-school scholars from 735 to 1485, making a gain of thirty-one Sunday schools and seven hundred and fifty scholars. This remarkable growth denotes competent leadership, and a loyal constituency. Yea, more, it signifies the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES FROM WABASH CONFERENCE

1837—Germantown, Ohio.
Frederick Kenoyer, William Davis.
1841—Dresbach's Church, Pickaway County, Ohio.
Josiah Davis, William Davis.
1845—Circleville, Ohio.
John Hoobler, Josiah Davis, John Denham.
1849—Germantown, Ohio.
James Griffith, John P. Shuey, John Hoobler.
1853—Miltonville, Ohio.
James Griffith, Andrew Wimsett, John P. Shuey.
1857—Cincinnati, Ohio.
James Griffith, John P. Shuey, Walton C. Smith.

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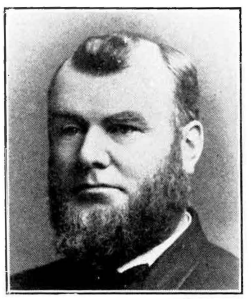

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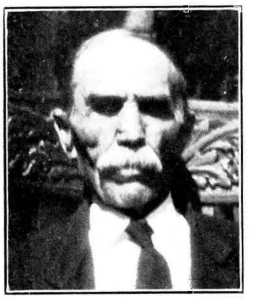

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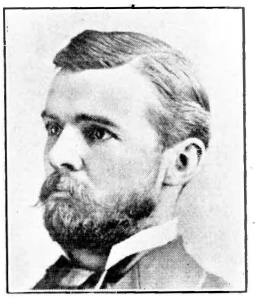

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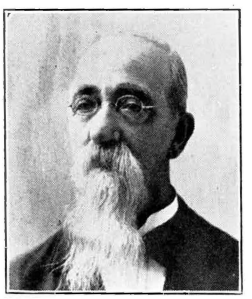

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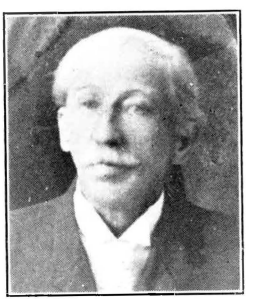

C. C. Breden

MEMBERS OF THE WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

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CHAPTER V

UPPER AND LOWER WABASH CONFERENCES

(1858-1909)

THE tendency to increase the number of annual conferences along with the increase of local churches and the growth of the membership, was quite prevalent. This was especially true in the early history of the country, and in the period prior to the Civil War.

Wabash Conference following this course, after obtaining permission of the General Conference of 1857, accordingly proceeded to the division of its territory another time. As previously mentioned the conference was divided in 1858; the northern division receiving the name of Upper Wabash Conference, and the southern part the name of the Lower Wabash Conference. These conferences not only occupied the territory of the old Wabash Conference, but they were the inheritors of the apostolic spirit, and zeal of the heroic builders of that pioneer conference. Notwithstanding they were somewhat circumscribed in their conference boundaries, a friendly and healthy rivalry sprung up between the two annual conferences, which served to increase their activities leading to excellent results in the upbuilding of both conferences, and the advancement of Christianity throughout their borders. The last session of Wabash Conference at which its division occurred, was held at New Goshen, Indiana, commencing August 19, 1858.

The biographical sketches in this history comprise those more notable United Brethren ministers and laymen of this conference district, who have arrived at the end of their earthly pilgrimages, and whose accomplishments distinguished them from the majority of their contemporaries.

In considering the standards of qualifications it has been our purpose to include all ministers who for three years, or longer have had one, or more, of the following official positions, namely: Bishops, other general church officers, presiding elders, conference superintendents, pastors in cities having more than forty thousand population, preachers who have been in the active ministry forty years, or longer, conference secretaries, conference treasurers, delegates to

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General Conference, trustees of the United Brethren Printing Establishment, our college presidents, professors or instructors in our colleges, and missionaries to our frontier and foreign fields.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. A. J. NEWGENT

Andrew J. Newgent entered Upper Wabash Conference, in 1859 and was ordained in 1862. After spending five years in the pastorate he transferred in 1864 to Lower Wabash Conference, where he devoted thirteen years to pastoral work. In 1877 he transferred to Tennessee Conference, where his itinerant service extended through a period of ten years consisting of pastoral and district work. He was a delegate from Tennessee Conference to the General Conference of 1881. In 1887 Brother Newgent returned to Upper Wabash Conference being assigned to Veedersburg charge. He held the pastorate of that important historic charge for three years. In 1890 he was honored by an election to the presiding eldership, and was assigned to Crawfordsville District which he served two years, after which he returned to the pastorate in which he continued until he had completed thirty-seven years in the active itinerancy of the United Brethren Church.

REV. J. F. MOORE

James Francis Moore, was received into the Wabash Conference in 1856, where he spent two years in the pastorate. When the conference was divided in 1858 he went with the Upper Wabash Conference in which he gave three years to the pastorate. In 1861 he was transferred to the Lower Wabash Conference. Brother Moore devoted twenty years to the itinerancy of Lower Wabash Conference—making a total of twenty-five years given to the active ministry in the three conferences. His pastoral labors were followed by many years of service in the interest of Westfield College, his chosen field being that of the college agency. He passed to his gracious reward September 16, 1914, having reached the advanced age of eighty-three years and one month.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

The first session of Upper Wabash Conference was held at Cross Roads Church, Vermilion County, Indiana, commencing March 31, 1859. Bishop David Edwards presided. James Griffith was elected chairman and Joel Cowgill, secretary. We present the following list of

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CHARTER MEMBERS

William Brown (former Bishop), David Brown, A. J. Bailey, William B. Bailey, David A. Beauchamp, J. W. Bottenberg, Campbell Brock, P. A. Canaday, Joel Cowgill, George Davis, John Davidson, Jacob Dice, John P. Ephlin, Alexander J. Gear, James Griffith, Thomas Guisinger, Thomas M. Hamilton, Jeremiah Hinton, William Hoobler, George C. Ilckenhauns, William M. Jones, Frederick Kenoyer, Jacob A. Kenoyer, Ira Mater, James Francis Moore, George Myers, William Pentzer, William Sherrill, George Shigley, Abner Storms, James T. Timmons, James Tolbert, A. W. Wainscott, Jacob Waymire, and George Zerface. Total number, thirty-five.

These five and thirty elders have passed from the earthly life, and have doubtless assembled "round about the throne" where "four and twenty elders" are "sitting clothed in white raiment," having "on their heads crowns of gold."

The assignments of the preachers were as follows: Stationing Committee's Report. East District—Thomas M. Hamilton, P.E.; Concord, J. A. Mast; Chambersburg, Ira Mater; Coal Creek, George Shigley, Ladoga, W. A. Forbes; Lebanon, William Sherrill; Otter Creek, A. J. Gear; Rockville, James F. Moore; Tippecanoe, A. J. Bailey; White Lick, George Zerface. North District—Campbell Brock, P.E.; Perrysville, James Griffith; Ashgrove, William Pentzer; Brouillet's Creek, Joel Cowgill; Carpenter's Creek, Jacob Waymire; Hickory Grove, W. M. Jones; Middleport, George Myers; Pine, John Davidson; Rensselaer, A. W Wainscott; Vermilion, D. A. Beauchamp; Williamsport, J. T. Timmons.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. T. M. HAMILTON

Thomas M. Hamilton was born in the year of 1822. He entered Wabash Conference in 1852, and was ordained by Bishop David Edwards at the twenty-second annual session of Wabash Conference in 1855. He was accorded the unusual honor of an election to the presiding eldership in five years after his admission to the annual conference. After giving five years to the pastorate and one year to the presiding eldership, when Wabash Conference was divided in 1858 he went with the Upper Wabash Conference, where he served seventeen years as a pastor, and twenty years as presiding elder—making a total of eighteen years in the pastorate, and twenty-five years in the presiding eldership. He thus devoted forty-three

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years to the active itinerancy. Brother Hamilton was a delegate from Upper Wabash Conference to eight General Conferences, namely: 1861, 1865, 1873, 1877, 1881, 1885, 1889 and 1893. He represented Boone County several terms in the Indiana legislature. In the year of 1902 the Lord called him and he entered into his rest.

REV. W. M. JONES

William M. Jones entered Wabash Conference in 1844, and was ordained by Bishop William Hanby at the fourteenth session of Wabash Conference in 1847. He dedicated fourteen years to the pastorate in Wabash Conference and going with Upper Wabash Conference in 1858 he spent seven years in the pastorate in that conference. Brother Jones served eight years as conference secretary in Wabash Conference.

REV. WILLIAM SHERRILL

William Sherrill entered Wabash Conference in 1853, and was ordained an elder in the church in 1856. He spent five years in the pastorate in Wabash Conference, when the conference was divided he chose the Upper Wabash Conference in which he labored thirteen years in the pastorate and four years in the presiding eldership—making a total of eighteen years in pastoral service and four years, district work

REV. JACOB WAYMIRE

Jacob Waymire was received into Wabash Conference in 1850, and was ordained in 1853. He devoted eight years to the pastorate in Wabash Conference, and nine years to the pastoral service in Upper Wabash Conference, which conference he selected after the division of Wabash Conference. He consecrated seventeen years to the pioneer itinerancy.

REV. CAMPBELL BROCK

Campbell Brock entered Wabash Conference in 1853, and was ordained in 1856. Five years was given to the pastorate in Wabash Conference, and when the conference was divided in 1858 he selected Upper Wabash Conference in which he labored eight years in the pastorate and seven years in the presiding eldership—making twenty years service. He was a delegate to the General Conference of 1861.

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REV. GEORGE SHIGLEY

George Shigley was born January 27, 1819. He was received into Wabash Conference in 1849, and ordained in 1853. He at once gave himself as a willing offering to God and entered the active itinerancy of Wabash Conference in which he toiled until the division of 1858. Then going with Upper Wabash Conference he continued in the active ministry until his death September 23, 1866. He gave seventeen years to the pastorate, nine years in Wabash Conference and eight years in Upper Wabash Conference. An appropriate monument marks his earthly resting place in the Perrysville Cemetery near the tomb of Rev. James Griffith.

REV. JACOB DICE

Jacob Dice was born April 5, 1824. He entered Wabash Conference in 1848, and was ordained in 1851. He went with Upper Wabash Conference when Wabash Conference was divided in 1858. Brother Dice gave fifteen years to the pastoral service, nine years of which was given in Wabash Conference, and six years in Upper Wabash Conference. He served three years as secretary of Wabash Conference from 1852 until 1855. He passed to his eternal reward April 22, 1900.

REV. IRA MATER

Ira Mater was born June 14, 1822. He was admitted to Wabash Conference in 1854, and was ordained by Bishop Edwards at the session of Wabash Conference in 1857. After devoting four years to the pastorate in Wabash Conference at its division in 1853 he went with the Upper Wabash Conference in which he spent eighteen years in the pastorate and two years in the presiding eldership—making a total of twenty-four years in the active ministry. He served two years as secretary of Wabash Conference. In the division of 1909 he became a member of White River Conference. His triumphant death occurred February 22, 1912, he having lived almost ninety years.

REV. JOEL COWGILL

Joel Cowgill was born in 1829, and entered Wabash Conference at its last annual session in 1858. He chose membership in Upper Wabash Conference where he dedicated thirty-seven years to the active itinerant ministry of which twenty-eight years was given to the pastorate and nine years to the presiding eldership. He served

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as secretary of Upper Wabash Conference for twenty-four years. He was a delegate from Upper Wabash Conference to the General Conferences of 1869, 1873, 1877 and 1881. Rev. Joel Cowgill was an eminent preacher, cultured, logical, forceful and profound. As an orator he had few if any superiors. His first wife Eliza Tolbert was the daughter of Rev. John Tolbert. Brother Cowgill passed to his glorious reward March 18, 1901. His body interred by the side of his first wife in the Davis Cemetery near Green Hill, Indiana, which place is marked by a suitable monument on which is inscribed his name and age with the following Bible quotation: "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness."

REV. A. J. BAILEY

Andrew J. Bailey, son of Horatio Bailey, of Green Hill, Indiana, entered Wabash Conference in 1858, and identified himself with Upper Wabash Conference. He was ordained by Bishop Edwards in 1862. Brother Bailey gave fifteen years to the pastorate in Upper Wabash Conference. His happy spirit has gone to God who gave it and his remains repose in Davis Cemetery.

STATISTICS OF 1861

The Conference Minutes of 1861 give the following statistics: Number of classes, 135; membership at beginning of year, 3,284; members received, 748; died, 28; dropped, 128; expelled, 6; removed, 137; withdrew, 29; present membership, 3,704; increase, 420. Preachers' salaries, $2,869; presiding elders' salaries, $525; Telescopes, 282; Children's Friends, 324; meeting-houses, 32; Sabbath schools, 46; teachers, 249; scholars, 1,475.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. J. S. COOPER

Joseph S. Cooper was born May 28, 1835. He entered Upper Wabash Conference in 1861, and was ordained in 1864. He had the distinction of being engaged forty-eight consecutive years in the active itinerant ministry, all of which was accomplished in one and the same annual conference, the Upper Wabash Conference. He gave thirty-three years to the pastorate and fifteen years to the presiding eldership. He had the pleasure of serving as presiding elder and delegate to General Conference along with his son, Rev

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O. P. Cooper, of Upper Wabash Conference. Rev. J. S. Cooper was a delegate to the General Conference of 1885, and 1901. Because of his amiable disposition he was designated by Bishop Mathews as the "Saint John of Upper Wabash Conference." He was called to his heavenly home November 7, 1908. A splendid monument of red granite has been erected as his tomb in Pond Grove Cemetery, Warren County, Indiana. The remains of his devoted wife repose at his side. In addition to dates and references relative to Brother Cooper the monument contains the following inscription to Sister Cooper: "Ellen Mikels—His wife, born April 17, 1838, died May 22, 1920. Fifty-four years His Companion in Toil. At Rest."

REV. W. N. COFFMAN

William N. Coffman was born January 24, 1840. He entered Upper Wabash Conference in 1862 and was ordained in 1865. He spent thirty years in the active ministry of which twenty-eight years was in the pastorate and two years in the presiding eldership. He represented Upper Wabash Conference in the General Conference of 1877. His death occurred December 18, 1908.

REV. R. F. EDMONDSON

Robert F. Edmondson was born in 1827. He entered Upper Wabash Conference in 1862, and was ordained in 1865. His chief preparation for the ministry was the awakening in his own soul. He dedicated eighteen years to the active itinerancy of his conference. He departed this life August 12, 1893. His body was laid to rest in Davis Cemetery. Like the apostolic Stephen, he was "Full of faith and the Holy Ghost."

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

The following comparative statistics indicate the growth of the conference:

STATISTICAL REPORT OF 1871

Number of members, 4031; increase, 203; Telescopes, 390; Children's Friends, 1147; Missionary Visitors, 397; meeting-houses, 39; Sabbath schools, 81; teachers, 354; scholars, 3017; Sunday-school collections, $647. Total for all purposes, $13,872. The conference was partitioned in 1909 a part going to the annual conferences in Illinois.

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The Statistics of 1909 include the following items: Number of members, 7609; Young People's Societies, 25; members, 925; Junior Societies, 13; members, 554; Sunday schools, 95; enrollment, 6866; teachers and officers, 984; Sunday-school collections, $3,591. Total for all purposes, $64,481. Number of church houses, 97; value, $201,175; number of parsonages, 24; value, $31,725.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES FROM UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

1861—Westerville, Ohio.
James Griffith, Thomas M. Hamilton, Campbell Brock.

1865—Western, Lynn County, Iowa.
J. A. Kenoyer, Thomas M. Hamilton.

1869—Lebanon, Pennsylvania.
Jacob A. Kenoyer, J. Griffith, Joel Cowgill.

1873—Dayton, Ohio.
T. M. Hamilton, J. Griffith, J. Cowgill.

1877—Westfield, Illinois.
William N. Coffman, Joel Cowgill, T. M. Hamilton.

1881—Lisbon, Iowa.
T. M. Hamilton, J. W. Nye, Joel Cowgill.

1885—Fostoria, Ohio.
J. W. Nye, T. M. Hamilton, Joseph S. Cooper.

1889—York, Pennsylvania.
J. W. Nye, T. M. Hamilton, Abraham M. Snyder.

1893—Dayton, Ohio.
A. M. Snyder, T. M. Hamilton, J. W. Nye.
Lay Delegates—J. W. Snyder.

1897—Toledo, Iowa.
O. P. Cooper, A. M. Snyder, J. W. Nye.
Lay Delegates—Sadie Roark, W. H. Cheadle.

1901—Frederick, Maryland.
Oliver P. Cooper, A. M. Snyder, R. M. Zuck, J. S. Cooper
Lay Delegates—John M. Bonebrake, N. J. Smith.

1905—Topeka, Kansas.
A. M. Snyder, W. E. Stanley, Elmer Mater, R. M. Zuck.
Lay Delegates—G. W. Mater, W. H. Cheadle, Ida Williams, Lizzie Bronson.

1909—Canton, Ohio.

The General Conference of 1909 discontinued Upper Wabash Conference and its territory in the State of Indiana was divided

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between White River and St. Joseph Conferences. White River Conference obtained that part of the Upper Wabash territory situated in Fountain, Montgomery, Boone, Hamilton, Hendricks, Morgan, Owen, Clay, Putnam, Parke, Vigo, and Vermilion Counties.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

The first session of Lower Wabash Conference was held at Westfield, Illinois, commencing March 17, 1859. Bishop David Edwards presided. John P. Shuey was elected chairman, and Walton C. Smith, secretary. The following is the list of the

CHARTER MEMBERS

Samuel Allenbaugh, Archibald Bales, Richard W. Belknap, John Brenner, Absalom Briley, Wm. H. Brown, John Burtner, Samuel Bussard, James Cottman, Henry Clark, Ransom Clark, James Easton, Hiram Elwell, William M. Givens, Samuel Greason, Martin Hale, Amos W. Hedge, Alexander Helton, Ezekiel Jackson, Levi Kerns, Joseph McKee, Samuel Mills, J. W. Nye, Ephraim Shuey, John P. Shuey, S. Simmons, Walton C. Smith, J. A. Smith, Samuel Stark, S. C. Steward, Daniel Stoltz. We are fully persuaded that "These all died in faith, . . . and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth . . . wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for he hath prepared for them a city." The assignments at the first session of Lower Wabash Conference are given in the following:

STATIONING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Westfield District—Walton C. Smith, P.E.; Richland, H. Elwell; Macedonia Mission, S. Mills; Hamilton, A. Dunbar; Flora, H. Clark; Hebron, Alexander Helton; Dalton, S. Bussard; Granville, Martin Hale; Westfield, J. W. Nye; Prairie City and Fayette, R. W. Belknap. North District—John P. Shuey, P.E.; Paris Mission, A. Bales; Okaw Circuit, E. Jackson; New Goshen, to be supplied; Centerpoint, Joseph McKee; Poland, Samuel Stark; Reservoir, J. A. Smith; Sullivan, H. Severus.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. JOHN BURTNER

John Burtner was born in 1816. He was received in Wabash Conference in 1843, and was ordained by Bishop J. J. Glossbrenner,

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at the Wabash Conference, September 30, 1846. Brother Burtner gave twenty-seven years to the active ministry, ten of which he spent in Wabash Conference and seventeen years in Lower Wabash Conference with which he was identified after Wabash Conference was divided in 1858. His death occurred March 29, 1885.

REV. ABSALOM BRILEY

Absalom Briley was born in 1822, and was admitted to Wabash Conference in 1849, and ordained in 1852. When Wabash Conference was divided in 1858 he went with the Lower Wabash Conference being one of its first presiding elders in which office he served two years. He gave thirteen years to the pastorate in the two conferences. He died October 12, 1892, having lived his "three score years and ten."

REV. ALEXANDER HELTON

Alexander Helton was born March 15, 1823. He entered Wabash Conference in 1849 in the same class with Absalom Briley. Brother Helton was ordained in 1853. In the division of Wabash Conference he cast his lot with Lower Wabash Conference. His pastoral labors extended through seventeen years, of which five years were spent in Wabash Conference, and twelve years in Lower Wabash Conference. He served four years as presiding elder in the last named conference dying May 28, 1892. The lives and labors of Brothers Briley and Helton were quite contemporaneous.

REV. R. L. BRENGLE

R. L. Brengle was received into Lower Wabash Conference in 1865, and ordained in 1869. His pastoral services continued for fourteen years, and his term in the presiding eldership three years. He served eight years as one of the secretaries of the conference. He represented his conference in the General Conference of 1881. He died in 1897.

STATISTICS OF 1861

The Lower Wabash Conference Minutes of 1861 give the following statistics: Number of classes, 155; membership at beginning of year, 3296; members received, 1064; died, 32; dropped, 175; expelled, 101; removed, 235; withdrew, 72; present membership, 3745; increase, 449. Preachers' salaries, $2879; Telescopes, 209; Children's Friends, 170; meeting-houses, 28; Sabbath schools, 46; teachers, 233; scholars, 1552.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. W. C. SMITH

Walton C. Smith was born in 1822. He entered Wabash Conference in 1848, and was ordained in 1851. He gave ten years in the active itinerancy in Wabash Conference, of which six years was spent in the pastorate, and four years in the presiding eldership. When Wabash Conference was divided in 1858, he went with Lower, Wabash Conference in which he served eleven years in the pastorate and twenty-one years in the presiding eldership—making a total of seventeen years in the pastorate, and twenty-five years as presiding elder. He also gave a number of years' service to Westfield College, his principal work being in the college agency. He served fourteen years as conference secretary, nine years in Wabash Conference and five years in Lower Wabash Conference. He represented Wabash Conference in the General Conference of 1857, and represented Lower Wabash Conference in seven quadrennial General Conferences namely, 1861, 1865, 1869, 1873, 1877, 1893, 1897, thus being a member of eight General Conferences. In the midst of the beautiful autumnal scenes of October 17, 1905, he passed to his reward.

REV. W. M. GIVENS

William M. Givens was received into Wabash Conference in 1857, and was ordained in 1859. In the division of the Wabash Conference in 1858, he went with Lower Wabash Conference in which he spent twenty-one years in the active itinerancy of which ten years was given to the pastorate and eleven years to the presiding eldership. He organized the First United Brethren Church at Terre Haute in 1865. He was a delegate from Lower Wabash Conference to the General Conferences of 1881 and 1885. He was a soldier of the United States Army in the Mexican War. His decease occurred in 1918. After sixty years ministry comes eternal glory.

REV. J. G. SHUEY

Josiah G. Shuey was born December 24, 1835. He was received into Wabash Conference in 1855. He was granted a transfer to White River Conference in 1858, where he was ordained in 1859. The same year he was assigned to Williamsburg Circuit, which he successfully served as pastor for one year, after which he transferred to Lower Wabash Conference to which he consecrated thirty-two

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years to the active itinerancy. Four years of this time was spent in the office of presiding elder. J. G. Shuey was a delegate from Lower Wabash Conference to the General Conference of 1889. He passed to his crowning August 7, 1901.

REV. SAMUEL MILLS

Samuel Mills was born in Knox County, Indiana, June 14, 1831. He was converted and joined the church when he was fifteen years old. After teaching school in Indiana seven years he entered Wabash Conference at its last session in 1858. His ordination took place in 1861. In the division of Wabash Conference he chose the Lower Wabash Conference in which he devoted thirty-two years to the active itinerancy, fourteen years to the pastorate, and eighteen years to the presiding eldership. He served eighteen years as financial agent of Westfield College. His pastorates were very successful. As a result of his pastoral labors of two years at Long Point, and three years on Paris Station, there were one hundred and fifty added to the church on each of these charges. Samuel Mills was prominent in founding Westfield College and was one of its trustees thirty-one years. He served as secretary of Lower Wabash Conference thirty-two years. He was a delegate from Lower Wabash Conference to nine consecutive General Conferences as follows: 1865, 1869, 1873, 1877, 1881, 1885, 1889, 1893, and 1897. He was trustee of the United Brethren Publishing House sixteen years and Bonebrake Seminary four years. He officiated at sixty-five church dedications. He died August 9, 1918, aged eighty-seven years.

REV. C. H. JONES

C. H. Jones entered Lower Wabash Conference in 1860, and was ordained in 1863. He gave twenty-one years to the active ministry, thirteen years to the pastorate and eight years to the presiding eldership. He was a delegate to the General Conference of 1877.

REV. L. S. CHITTENDEN

Lyman S. Chittenden was born in Switzerland County, Indiana, August 5, 1819. He began his ministry in 1839, by traveling White Water Circuit. He entered Indiana Conference in 1840. In 1841 he was again appointed to White Water Circuit, and added appointments in Franklin, Fayette, Wayne, and Union Counties. In 1842 he was sent to Corydon Circuit where he received seven hundred persons into the church, and was given $150 salary. He was first

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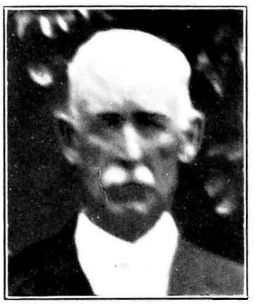

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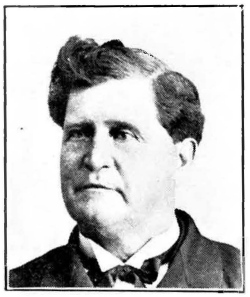

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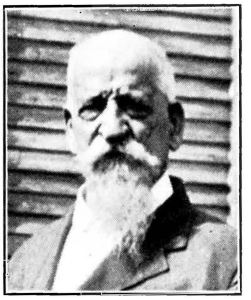

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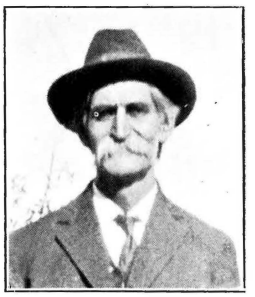

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MEMBERS OF THE WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

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chosen presiding elder in 1845 and assigned to South District. He continued for many years in the active itinerant ministry with great success. In 1861 he was sent to Indianapolis Mission station which he made self-sustaining. He was returned in 1862, but soon thereafter he was commissioned chaplain of the Sixty-seventh Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. In the army he continued his evangelistic preaching which resulted in hundreds of conversions. He represented Indiana Conference in four General Conferences as follows: 1849, 1853, 1857 and 1861. After giving about twenty years to the active ministry in 1864 he transferred to the Lower Wabash Conference where he spent about fifteen years in the pastorate and presiding eldership. He was a delegate from Lower Wabash Conference to the General Conference in 1869. He died June 13, 1892, at his home at Westfield, Illinois.

REV. ALEXANDER COLLINS

Alexander Collins united with Lower Wabash Conference in 1861, and was ordained in 1865. Having clear convictions of his holy call to the gospel ministry he consecrated himself to the active itinerancy. He performed the work of a pastor for fifteen years and occupied the position of presiding elder for nine years—making twenty-four years in the ministry. As presiding elder of Terre Haute District, Alexander Collins was the commander of the Lower Wabash forces in Indiana. While he was leading them to victory he became seriously sick. He was taken home where April 16, 1885, surrounded by his weeping family and brethren the heavenly chariot came for him and he was transported to glory. Thus God promoted this heroic general of the militant army on earth to the exalted honors of the triumphant hosts of heaven.

Although Revs. P. F. Kettring, C. C. Breden and Dr. J. A. Hawkins were each members of White River Conference at the time of their decease it is true that a large part of their labors were performed while they were in the Lower Wabash Conference, hence the sketches relative to their labors have been placed with those of that conference.

REV. P. F. KETTRING

Philip F. Kettring was born at West Lebanon, Ohio, April 19, 1858. He came with his parents to Illinois in 1861, settling near Martinsville. He married Alma Adams August 31, 1879. He was converted at the age of sixteen joining the United Brethren Church

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in 1874. Brother Kettring entered the ministry in 1887, in Lower Wabash Conference, and two years later began work as pastor, serving the following charges: 1888, St. Francisville, two years; 1891, Pulaski, two years; 1893, Annapolis, three years; 1896, Dolson, four years; 1900, Terre Haute, Second Church (Barbour Avenue) twelve years; 1912, East St. Louis, eighteen months. In the twenty-four and one half years he was instrumental in leading 1614 souls to the Lord. He was the founder of the Barbour Avenue Church, Terre Haute, Indiana. He was greatly loved by all. He was a man of great humility, and meekness, and was much in prayer. He became a member of White River Conference when the Lower Wabash Conference territory was added to it in 1909. He died at East St. Louis, Illinois, March 17, 1914. God called him home.

REV. J. A. HAWKINS, D.D.

John A. Hawkins, son of William T. and Mary A. Hawkins, was born in Putnam County, Indiana, March 16, 1852. In April, 1889, he was married to Mary M. Moffet. He completed a college course in DePauw University in June, 1874, and a theological course in Union Theological Seminary in 1884. He received the degree of doctor of divinity from Westfield College and doctor of philosophy from Illinois Wesleyan College. He entered the ministry of the United Brethren Church in 1894 in Lower Wabash Conference. He was a delegate to the General Conferences of 1905, 1909 and 1913. He was an able preacher, his every sermon being thoroughly prepared. He combined scholastic training, keenness of intellect, warmth of heart, clearness of judgment—all these illumined by deep but well-governed emotion and a gift of eloquence which made him a most fascinating speaker. He came from Lower Wabash Conference in 1909 when its territory was ceded to White River Conference. His appointment record was as follows: 1894, Galton, three years; 1897, Westfield, five years; 1903, Casey, one year; 1904, presiding elder, six years; 1910, New Goshen, one year; 1911, presiding elder, two years; 1913, Bethlehem, three years; making a total of twenty-one years. He passed to his eternal reward January 16, 1924.

REV. C. C. BREDEN

Charles Calvin Breden was born in Harrison County, Indiana, January 1, 1850, and died June 26, 1920. He was married to Miss Kate A. Gans, September 16, 1877. Brother Breden entered the active ministry of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in

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1889, and was ordained by Bishop John Dickson in 1892. His active ministry of thirty-one years consisted of the following pastoral charges: 1889, Garden City, Kansas, four years; 1893, Enterprise, Kansas, two years; 1895, Osage City, Kansas, two years; transferring to Indiana Conference in 1897, he served Georgetown charge two years; 1899, Rockport, four years; 1903, Vevay, one year; 1904, Linton, three years; 1907, Third Church, Terre Haute, thirteen years lacking two months. As a pastor, Brother Breden excelled. He lived in close touch with God, through his holy ministrations, hundreds were led to accept Christ as their personal Savior. He lives in glory and wears the victor's crown. His body reposes in the church cemetery at the Otterbein Home, Lebanon, Ohio, awaiting the glorious resurrection.

TERRE HAUTE FIRST CHURCH

The Lower Wabash Conference commenced operations in the largest city in its borders in the year of 1865 when it constituted the Terre Haute Mission, and appointed Rev. W. M. Givens as its pastor. He organized our First Church in 1865 with the following charter members: Jacob Brown, Salvina Brown, Arminda O. Shepherd, Parker Milligan, Rebecca Milligan, Charles H. Mason, Emily Mason, Lydia Peabody, George Anderson, Ann Anderson, John Irvin, Nancy Irvin, Nathaniel Cheek, Minerva Cheek, James F. McCandless and Caroline T. McCandless—a total of sixteen charter members. The society erected a frame church house in 1867, at a cost of $2,800. Rev. Hiram Elwell was pastor, and Jacob Brown, Salvina Brown, Parker Milligan, John Irvin and James N. Shepherd were the trustees who erected the church.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS OF LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

The following comparative statistics indicate the growth of the conference:

STATISTICAL REPORT OF 1870

Number of classes, 156; members reported, 4478; received, 1475; died, 58; dropped, 255; expelled, 56; removed, 462; withdrew, 136; Preachers' salaries, $7025; presiding elders' salaries, $1610; for missions, $1163; Telescopes, 347; Children's Friends, 1856; Missionary Visitors, 327; meeting-houses, 48; Sabbath schools, 100; Sunday-school collections, $1134. Total for all purposes, $19,570.

The conference was partitioned in 1909, a part going to the annual conferences in Indiana. The Statistics of 1909 include the

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following items: Organized churches, 161; members at beginning of year, 11,549; members at end of year, 12,111; net increase, 562; Young People's Societies, 60; number of members, 2041; Junior Societies, 18; number of members, 959; Sunday schools, 153; teachers and officers, 1586; total Sunday-school enrollment, 10,682. Pastors' salaries, $32,416; Bishop's salary, $403; local Sunday-school collections, $4683; collected for Foreign Missions $1182; total for all purposes, $72,570; number of church houses, 151; number of parsonages, 33; value of church houses, $211,676; value of parsonages, $39,965.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES FROM LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

1861—Westerville, Ohio.
S. C. Steward, J. P. Shuey, Walton C. Smith.

1865—Western, Linn County, Iowa.
Samuel Mills, W. C. Smith, Hiram Elwell.

1869—Lebanon, Pennsylvania.
W. C. Smith, S. Mills, Lyman S. Chittenden.

1873—Dayton, Ohio.
W. C. Smith, S. Mills, J. W. Nye.

1877—Westfield, Illinois.
Samuel Mills, W. C. Smith, C. H. Jones.

1881—Lisbon, Iowa.
S. Mills, William M. Givens, R. L. Brengle.

1885—Fostoria, Ohio.
S. Mills, W. M. Givens, Lewis Bookwalter.

1889—York, Pennsylvania.
S. Mills, Josiah G. Shuey, J. L. Brandenburg.

1893—Dayton, Ohio.
S. Mills, W. C. Smith, J. L. Brandenburg, T. D. Spyker
Lay Delegates—Mattie A. Brewer, M. E. Collins.

1897—Toledo, Iowa.
J. L. Brandenburg, S. Mills, D. R. Seneff, W. C. Smith.
Lay Delegates—C. C. Fancher, Mrs. J. W. Nye.

1901—Frederick, Maryland.
J. L. Brandenburg, J. B. Connett, L. H. Cooley, D. R. Seneff.
Lay Delegates—W. C. Seneff, A. J. Cowden.

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1905—Topeka, Kansas.

J. B. Connett, J. L. Brandenburg, J. A. Hawkins, D. R. Seneff, J. B. Norviel.

Lay Delegates—H. F. Webber, Frank Dennis, Mary Garber.

1909—Canton, Ohio.

The General Conference of 1909 attached to the territory of Lower Wabash Conference in the State of Indiana to White River Conference, as follows: All the lower Wabash territory, situated in Owen, Clay, Putnam, Vigo, and Vermilion Counties.

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PART THREE

Original White River Conference and Extensions

CHAPTER I

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE FOUNDED

(1846-1848)

PRIOR to the General Conference of 1845, which was held at Circleville, Ohio, commencing May 10, 1845, there were only nine organized annual conferences in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, as follows: Pennsylvania, Allegheny, Virginia, Miami, Muskingum, (East Ohio) Scioto, (Southeast Ohio) Sandusky, Indiana and Wabash. It was at this session of General Conference that this legislative body of the church authorized the division of Indiana Conference and the formation of a new conference out of a part of the original territory of this Hoosier conference. This General Conference also provided for the formation of East Pennsylvania Conference by the division of the Pennsylvania Conference. The three new conferences that were formed in the West consisted of the Iowa, Illinois and St. Joseph Conferences, which dated their organization as follows: Iowa, August 14, 1845; Illinois, August 28, 1845, and St. Joseph, September 18, 1845. The organization of White River Conference occurred February 21, 1846. It was the last of the new conferences founded and thus became the fourteenth annual conference in point of the time of the organization

There must have been some hours in your life when your heart has thrilled with a genuine inspiration, and when, sitting alone in the stillness of your room, you have pored over the page that has told you of the great names that have made humanity immortal—men and women who have carried its sorrows and its hopes upon their hearts—who have illumined its low places with the beauty of their lives, and who, as they moved onward and upward, printing their footsteps in blood on the stony steps, have left behind them the luster of a nobility that can never pale, and have filled the busy air through which they passed with the fragrance of a heroism that can never die, and at such moments when all the house has been

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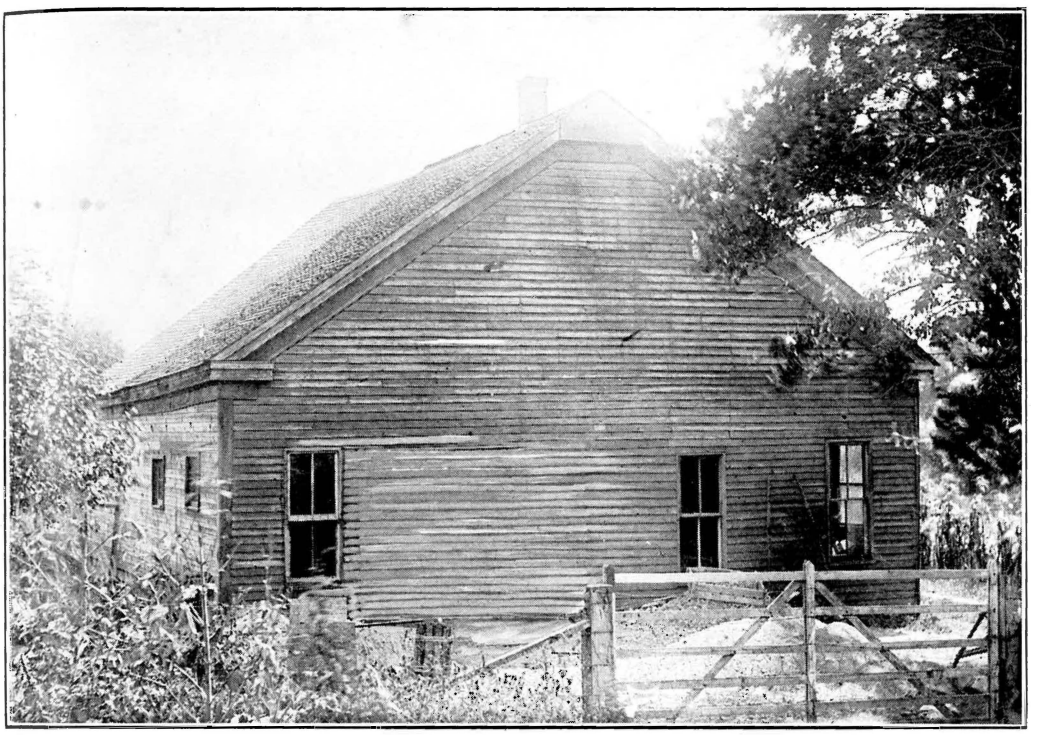

Washington (Greensfork) Church, Wayne County, Indiana, Where First Session of White River Conference Was Held, January 18, 1847

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hushed in its midnight stillness, and you have dropped your book, feeling your nature all aglow with the great thoughts that have been kindled within you, surely then, you have longed to be like those nobler beings and to follow their radiant footsteps.

On such a night as that Rev. John Griffith, the consecrated frontier missionary, who the preceding year had won a hundred souls to Christ on Blountsville Circuit, and who, having just completed a victorious year on Marion Circuit, after retiring to sleep on that night had a vision in which he saw a tree and a river, the grandeur of which objects being such as to arouse him from his slumber. The next morning he started on horseback from his work near Marion for the Indiana Conference which was to meet in four days at Mount Pleasant Church, Bartholomew County, Indiana. Brother Griffith has given the following account of his journey: He said, "I traveled southward and about four o'clock that afternoon as I was approaching the river, north of Andersontown, I saw a large sycamore tree glittering in the sunshine. It appeared to be as white as if it had been painted. I rode on a short distance to the river, where the slanting rays of the sunlight striking the river at an angle caused the water to appear as white as snow. I stopped suddenly and cried out, 'This explains my dream last night. The white sycamore tree shining in the light is an emblem of the shining tree of life which signifies growth and fruit. The sycamore of the Holy Land bears fruit continuously for more than half of the year. (This emblematical tree which Brother Griffith saw is said to have stood within seventy paces of the tomb of our sainted brother, Ithamer V. McCarty in the Anderson Cemetery.) The clear sparkling water of the White River is a symbol of the river of life, which is refreshing, salutary, giving and preserving life. The two objects both so white, in conjunction with the flowing river appear as the revelation of the name given the new annual conference, which will be called the White River Conference.' "

Brother Griffith continued his journey arriving at the conference about three days later where he found the brethren somewhat perplexed in regard to the proposition to call the new conference North Indiana Conference (See Drury's History, page 722). It was becoming apparent that "North Indiana," would not be appropriate to the territory to be occupied. John Griffith related his dream and the subsequent revelations and the brethren replied, "It is of the Lord." The conference unanimously agreed that the new confer-

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ence should "be known by the name of White River Annual Conference." (These events occurred between the fifteenth and twenty-second of February, 1846).

ANNUAL SESSION OF INDIANA CONFERENCE

(February 20, 1846)

The Indiana Annual Conference met according to action at Mount Pleasant meeting-house, Bartholomew County, Indiana, February 20, 1846, Bishop William Hanby, presiding. Joseph A. Ball was elected chairman, John Slonecker was elected secretary and A. C. Chamberlain, assistant secretary.

The secretary called the roll as follows: Elders present: L. S. Chittenden, B. Abbott, George Muth, Daniel Stover, John Lopp, N. McElfresh, J. H. Stover, J. L. Stearns, Aaron Davis, J. House, J. Perkins, M. M. Crow, W. W. Richardson, W. Witt, C. W. Witt, J. Coen, T. P. Jones, J. A. Ball, John Slonecker, A. C. Chamberlain, Jesse Scott. Total, twenty-one.

Licentiates present: J. K. Lawrence, T. J. Conner, W. Foote, J. T. Vardaman, J. S. Wall, John Griffith, S. Kurtz, P. C. Parker, D. Shuck, S. B. Falkenburg, Isaac Ball, Thomas Elrod, Amos Hanway, B. Hawkins, E. B. Crousehorn, Isaac Collins, M. M. Hook, Alfred King, Simeon Rutledge, James Witt. Total, twenty. Total present, forty-one. Elders absent: John Morgan, J. Heistand, J. McCallen, J. Brenner, Silas Davis, J. Hartman, A. Lopp, J. Haas, Craven Lynn, William Stubbs, G. Rubush, Charles McCarty, J. Blair, W. Blair, W. S. Stuart, B. Wade. Total, sixteen. Licentiates absent: T. Butler, Peter Weaver, William Key, W. Highfield, M. Stroud, A. Baker, E. Jones, Wm. N. Ayres, Silas Andrews, John Smith, J. Riley, J. Baumgardner, J. Cole, John H. King, J. Taggart, M. Crawford. Total, sixteen. Total absent, thirty-two. Annual conference membership, seventy-three. (The foregoing is the first day's record of attendance). Joseph Manning, J. Walls, and T. Herbert were received into the conference, making a total membership of seventy-six. The following brethren were ordained elders: John T. Vardaman, James Witt, Alfred King, Matthias M. Hook, Isaac Collins, Amos Hanway and P. C. Parker.

INDIANA CONFERENCE DIVIDED—NEW CONFERENCE NAMED

The following resolution was adopted, *Resolved*, That the Indiana Annual Conference be divided into two divisions, Northern and

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Southern. That the southern division retain the name of Indiana Annual Conference, and that the northern division be known by the name of White River Annual Conference.

PLACES OF THE ENSUING SESSIONS

By vote it was decided that the next session of the Indiana Annual Conference be held at Haas' meeting-house, Harrison County, Indiana, in the winter of 1847; and that the first session of the White River Annual Conference be held at Washington (Greenfork) Wayne County, Indiana, in the winter of 1847.

BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE CONFERENCES

Beginning at Harrison on the Ohio-Indiana State line thence westward to Columbus, thence to Bloomington, thence west to the White River.

PREACHERS CHOOSE THEIR CONFERENCES

The secretary then called the roll and in response each preacher indicated his choice of the two annual conferences. The following preachers selected the White River Conference, and became its charter members: Joseph A. Ball, Daniel Stover, John Slonecker, W. W. Richardson, George Muth, Jacob H. Stover, Jeremiah Perkins, M. M. Crow, John Morgan, William Witt, Caleb W. Witt, Jacob Baumgardner, Isaac Collins, N. McElfresh, T. P. Jones, George Rubush, Simeon Rutledge, Amos Hanway, Matthias M. Hook, Alfred King, John T. Vardaman, James Witt, Silas Andrews, P. C. Parker, John Griffith, E. B. Crousehorn, James Taggart, John H. King, Samuel Kurtz, Joseph Manning, J. K. Lawrence, James S. Wall. Total, thirty-two.

ORIGINAL SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(February 21, 1846)

The White River Annual Conference met in its original session at Mount Pleasant meeting-house, Bartholomew County, Indiana, February 21, 1846, Bishop William Hanby, presiding. Joseph A. Ball, chairman, and John Slonecker, secretary. The roll was called, the following charter members were present: Ordained Elders, Joseph A. Ball, *Jacob Baumgardner, Isaac Collins, M. M. Crow, Amos Hanway, *Matthias M. Hook, T. P. Jones, Alfred King, *Samuel Kurtz, Nathan McElfresh, John Morgan, George Muth,

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P. C. Parker, Jeremiah Perkins, William W. Richardson, George Rubush, Simeon Rutledge, John Slonecker, Jacob H. Stover, Daniel Stover, John T. Vardaman, Caleb W. Witt, James Witt, William Witt. Elders absent: Charles McCarty, William S. Stuart. Total, twenty-six. Licensed preachers present: E. B. Crousehorn, John Griffith, Silas Andrews, John H. King, J. K. Lawrence, Joseph Manning, James Taggart, James S. Wall. Licentiates absent: Peter Weaver. Total, nine. Total charter members, thirty-five.

*Ordained January 21, 1847.

The two elders and one licentiate who were absent chose their conference by proxies.

BOUNDARIES OF PRESIDING ELDERS DISTRICTS

It was decided by vote that all the work (territory) north of the White River be thrown into one district, and to be called North District. (The remainder of the territory to be called South District).

PRESIDING ELDERS ELECTED

By ballot D. Stover and W. W. Richardson were elected presiding elders in the White River Annual Conference.

ORIGINAL AREA OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

At its beginning White River Conference extended over an area of about seventy-five hundred square miles in eastern and central Indiana. The following is a description of the conference boundary: Beginning at the town of Harrison on the line dividing the States of Ohio and Indiana; thence west to the town of Columbus, in Bartholomew County, Indiana; thence west to the town of Bloomington, Indiana, including Franklin, and Andersonville Circuits in the White River Conference; thence west to the White River; thence up said river to Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana; thence north to Miamisport (Peru) on the Wabash River; thence up said river to the west line of Wells County; thence south to the southeast corner of Huntington County; thence on a straight line to Winchester; thence east to the Ohio and Indiana State line; thence south along the State line to Harrison, the place of beginning.

THE FIELD AND THE MILITANT FORCES

White River Conference entered upon the work of its first conference year with two districts, eleven pastoral charges, and 1860

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church members. These were served by fifteen traveling preachers including the presiding elders.

The appointments consisted of about eighty preaching places which were visited by the preacher in charge of the circuit or mission once in four weeks. The conference began with forty-four organized churches, of which seventeen lacked the permanence to hold their places in the list of active churches as long as fifty years and nine of these arrived at a state of dormancy before they had existed a quarter of a century. However, twenty-seven of these pioneer churches continued in a state of activity for more than fifty years, and while eleven of these local churches have been disbanded within the last twenty-five years, in consideration of the fact that they were organized churches when White River Conference was founded and were able to maintain their existence for more than a half century, they are included in the following list of charter churches.

The figures prefixed to the names indicate the time of organization. The words inserted within brackets are the original names of the churches.

ACTIVE CHARTER CHURCHES

June, 1824, Franklin Church, Franklin County; Fall, 1831, Blue River (Union, nicknamed Kingdom); Spring, 1833, Union, Decatur County; Autumn, 1834, Andersonville, Franklin County; February, 1838, Honey Creek, Johnson County; April, 1839, Mount Zion, Hamilton County; Spring, 1839, Sanes Creek, Fayette County; September, 1841, Garrison Creek, Fayette County; June, 1842, Salem, Henry County; October 1842, Selma (Bortsfield Class); June 1843, Mt. Pleasant, Delaware County; July, 1843, Daleville (Rinker Class); May, 1844, Honey Creek, Henry County; Autumn, 1844, Indianapolis, First Church; November, 1844, Bethlehem, Hamilton County; June, 1845, Sugar Grove, Wayne County.

CHARTER CHURCHES DISBANDED

August, 1824, Abington, Indiana; May, 1838, Greensfork (Washington) Wayne County; October, 1838, White Chapel, Madison County; Autumn, 1840, Dublin, Indiana; September, 1841, Bethel, Wayne County; October, 1841, Mount Pleasant, Bartholomew County; December, 1841, Ebenezer, Marion County; Fall, 1843, Olive Branch, Bartholomew County; Spring, 1844, Bethlehem (Mt. Pleasant) Wabash County; April, 1845, Williamsburg, Wayne County; Autumn, 1845, Salem, Grant County.

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The Abington Church attained the age of eighty years before it disbanded and Ebenezer Church continued its activities for almost eighty years. Bethlehem was on the active list about three quarters of a century. White Chapel, Bethel and Olive Branch each lived seventy years. Dublin was a United Brethren center of activity for two-thirds of a century. Greensfork (Washington), Williamsburg and Salem, each maintained their local organization about sixty years.

As the temple of Jerusalem was twice rebuilt it is my hope that the prosperity of our beloved Zion may again be realized at these places, and that our banner of love shall triumphantly wave. It is cause for rejoicing that sixteen of our charter church organizations have had a continuous existence of from eighty to one hundred years. These splendid pioneer churches have a victorious history. Led on by old Franklin Church, which celebrated its centennial June 8, 1924, these noble churches are the vanguard of our aggressive White River Conference forces of ninety-three battalions, constituting a valiant army of more than twenty-seven thousand soldiers of the Cross. May these churches live on forever.

In the charter membership of thirty-five preachers of the gospel, twenty-one of them or sixty percent of the whole number courageously volunteered to enter the unreserved itinerancy of the White River Conference. They were willing to endure the privations, suffer the hardships, and risk their lives in order that our Zion should be enlarged, and that the kingdom of Christ should be extended. They were brusque, resourceful, determined characters and inured to the toil and hardships of pioneer life. They traveled horseback and on foot along the trails and "bridle paths" through the vast wilderness, swam swollen streams to reach their appointments, endured hunger and fatigue, slept at night in rude cabins, exposed to the wintry winds whistling through the half-daubed cracks. Their large fields of labor required absence from home much of the time with no means of communication except the slow-moving weekly mails, and quite often serious illness came, sometimes to the preacher far away from home, and at other times to the family at home in the father's absence. The beloved son or daughter of the toiling itinerant who could not be reached has often taken sick and died, leaving the weeping mother to break the sad news to the weary itinerant father upon his return home. Although the little one was not there to meet the returning pioneer preacher at the gate of the earthly home he had the blessed assurance that it would welcome

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him at the gate of glory. In their far off fields these preachers often preached to rowdies and ruffians who regarded neither God nor man, but these brave men of God with faces like flint sent the gospel straight across to these sinners' hearts.

It can truthfully be said that those original thirty-five preachers of White River Conference were all men of ability. They were giants in those days. Joseph A. Ball, Amos Hanway, Alfred King, John Morgan, George Muth, W. W. Richardson, Daniel Stover, John T. Vardaman, James S. Wall and Caleb W. Witt, all served as presiding elders in White River Conference. W. S. Stuart served in the office of presiding elder in Indiana Conference. A few years later Joseph Manning transferred to the Wabash Conference where he served as presiding elder making a total of twelve of that charter list who occupied the important office of presiding elder. Eight of that number; namely, J. A. Ball, Amos Hanway, John Morgan, George Muth, W. W. Richardson, Daniel Stover, J. T. Vardaman, and C. W. Witt were delegates from White River Conference to the General Conference. These distinguished ministers laid the foundation of this great conference. They were all men of conviction. They believed in a divine call to the ministry. They believed that when God called a man to preach the gospel he was not to quit the field either for pleasure, riches or worldly position. They were both pastors and evangelists, and they made "full proof of their ministry." It was the great privilege of the author of this history to hear six of these distinguished conference founders preach; namely, Amos Hanway, Samuel Kurtz, George Muth, Daniel Stover, John T. Vardaman, and Caleb W. Witt. I am speaking with due moderation when I affirm that they were all eminent preachers of the gospel. They were argumentative, evangelistic, orthodox, logical and convincing preachers, swaying their audiences with powerful sermons, glittering with gems of Scripture quotations made sharper than two-edged swords by the prophetic warnings of those spirit-filled men. Like the Master they spoke as men having authority.

ALLOTMENTS OF LABOR

WHITE RIVER ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(Read by Bishop Hanby, February 22, 1846)

South District—Daniel Stover, P.E.; Andersonville Circuit, N. McElfresh, E. B. Crousehorn; Liberty Circuit, Joseph A. Ball, John Griffith; Dublin Circuit, John T. Vardaman; Blountsville

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Circuit, Simeon Rutledge; Fall Creek Circuit, Jacob H. Stover; Indianapolis Circuit, Amos R. Day; Franklin Circuit, (Johnson County), Amos Hanway; Greenfield Mission, George Muth. North District—William W. Richardson, P.E.; Marion Circuit, Jeremiah Perkins; Granville Circuit, James S. Wall; White River Circuit, Samuel Kurtz. Marion Circuit embraced the territory in Grant, Blackford, Huntington, and Wabash Counties south of the Wabash River. Granville Circuit embraced the territory north of White River in Delaware and Randolph Counties. White River Circuit occupied Madison, Tipton and Hamilton Counties north of White River.

INDIANAPOLIS, FIRST CHURCH

The First United Brethren Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, was organized by Rev. Joseph A. Ball in the autumn of 1844, with the following charter members: William Evans, Margaret Evans, Jacob Rubush, Elizabeth Rubush, Daniel Stover, Nancy Stover, Thomas Evans, Mary A. Evans, James Duke, Amos Hanway, Mary Hanway and Samuel Hanway.

Deed Record No. 4, Marion County, Indiana, on page 290 has record of conveyance of lot on corner of New Jersey and Ohio streets, May 2, 1852, to Jacob Rubush, William Evans, James Duke, Thomas Evans, and Amos Hanway, trustees. A brick church was erected on this lot in 1854 under the pastorate of Rev. J. T. Vardaman, at a cost of five thousand dollars.

The church prospered for twenty years when a division occurred in regard to the enforcement of the rule on secret societies. The church was sold and the membership dwindled to twenty-seven. Preliminary steps toward the restoration of the church were inaugurated December 1, 1880, when D. Stover, T. Evans, W. G. Rubush, B. F. Witt and Benj. Groves were elected trustees and lots 53 and 54 Coburn Addition, on Oak Street, were bought on February 26, 1881. A new church was erected on this site at a cost of four thousand dollars and dedicated March 5, 1882, under the pastorate of Rev. A. C. Wilmore, who led the forward movement which resulted in the increase of membership from twenty-seven to ninety during his two years pastorate from 1881 to 1883.

STANDARDS OF EQUALITY AND TEMPERANCE

From the beginning the Church of the United Brethren in Christ has occupied a position in the front ranks of the aggressive, evangelical churches of Christendom. It unfurled its banner of equality

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and temperance more than a century ago and its courageous standard bearers have borne it triumphantly forward in all our denominational history. The principles which we adopted and advocated are embraced in the following measures which were enacted by the General Conference, the supreme legislative body of our church. The third General Conference held in Fairfield County, Ohio, May, 1821, promulgated its doctrine of human equality by the enactment of the following rule on slavery:

SLAVERY

"*Resolved and Enacted,* That no slavery, in whatever form, may exist, and in no sense of the word, shall be permitted or tolerated in our church; and should there be found any persons holding slaves, who are members among us, or make application to become such, then the former cannot remain, and the latter cannot become members of the United Brethren in Christ, unless they manumit their slaves as soon as they receive directions from the annual conference so to do. Neither shall any member of our church have the right to sell any of the slaves which he or she may now hold."

The same General Conference adopted the following rule on

TEMPERANCE

"*Resolved,* That neither preacher nor lay member shall be allowed to carry on a distillery. That it shall be the duty of the preachers to labor against the evils of intemperance during the interval between this and the next General Conference, when the subject shall again be taken up for further consideration."

FIRST SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(January, 1847)

The first session of the White River Conference was held at Washington, (Greensfork) Wayne County, Indiana, commencing January 18, 1847, Bishop John Russel, presiding. Daniel Stover was elected chairman, and W. W. Richardson, secretary. The roll calls comprised the following:

LIST OF CHARTER MEMBERS

Members present: Ordained elders—Daniel Stover, W. W. Richardson, William S. Stuart, John T. Vardaman, Caleb W.Witt, William Witt, Charles McCarty, M. M. Crow, Jacob H. Stover

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Jeremiah Perkins, Simeon Rutledge, Samuel Kurtz, Jacob Baumgardner. Elders present, thirteen. Licensed preachers—Silas Andrews, E. B. Crousehorn, John Griffith, Joseph Manning, James S. Wall, John H. King. Received this session—Amos R. Day, Joseph J. Perrett. Licentiates present, eight. Total number present, twenty-one.

Members absent: Ordained elders—Joseph A. Ball, John Slonecker, Nathan McElfresh, George Muth, Isaac Collins, George Rubush, Amos Hanway, Alfred King, P. C. Parker, John Morgan, Matthias M. Hook, T. P. Jones. James Witt, (died September 13, 1846.) Elders absent, thirteen. Licensed preachers—James Taggart, J. K. Lawrence, Peter Weaver. Licentiates absent, three. Total number absent, sixteen. Total number of charter members, thirty-seven.

All of these six and twenty elders have finished their earthly course and passed on to their eternal reward, as have also the eleven licensed preachers who formed a part of the original number of those divinely called ministers.

While thinking of these men of God I listened and I heard "one of the elders" saying, "Weep not; behold the Lion of the Tribe of Judah hath prevailed . . . And I beheld, and lo, in the midst of the throne . . . and in the midst of the elders stood a Lamb as it had been slain . . . and he came and took the book . . . and when he had taken the book . . . the four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb . . . and they sung a new song saying: 'Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood . . . and hast made us unto our God kings and priests.' "

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE, UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST

PREAMBLE

Of the organization of the White River Annual Conference, Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

Be it remembered that at a General Conference of delegates from all the annual conferences of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ convened at Circleville, Ohio, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and in the month of May, according to the Discipline and government of the Church.

It was agreed by the said conference "that the Indiana Annual Conference at its next session by mutual consent of its members may

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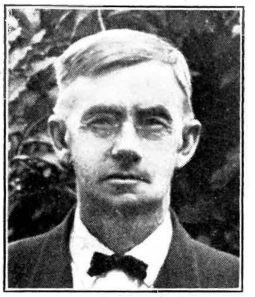

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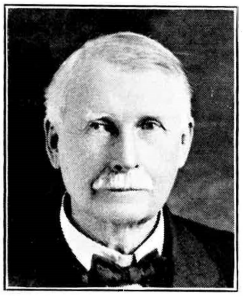

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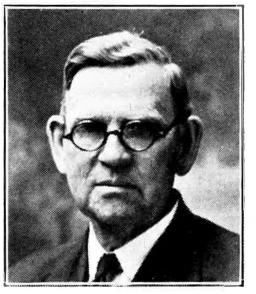

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MEMBERS OF THE WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

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divide themselves into two conference districts," which was done; one bearing the name of the Indiana Annual Conference and the other the name of the White River Annual Conference.

WHITE RIVER ANNUAL CONFERENCE—FIRST SESSION

(1847)

Be it remembered that on Monday the eighteenth day of January, A. D. 1847, the members of the White River Annual Conference met in Washington (Greensfork), Wayne County, Indiana. John Russel, Bishop, opened the conference by reading the fourth chapter of the Book of Exodus, from the first to the twenty-third verses inclusive, with appropriate expository remarks which was followed with singing and prayer. In commenting upon the Scripture which was read by him Bishop Russel entered the sphere of prophecy. In comparing the bondage of the Israelites with American slavery the Bishop declared that as Jehovah had sent Moses to deliver the children of Israel from bondage so God would raise up a champion of liberty who would bring freedom to the bondsmen of this country. Nearly sixteen years passed before the fulfillment of the Bishop's prophecy. Strange to say, but thousands of our nation's heroes sacrificed their lives upon the altar of Antietam, near the Bishop's home, before his prophecy was fulfilled by the great emancipator—Abraham Lincoln.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That there be preaching each day in the conference room at the hour of eleven o'clock.

Resolved, That the members of the conference shall not speak of the immoral conduct of any of their brethren behind their backs, nor of their virtues before their faces, and furthermore that our whole deportment toward each other shall be in the spirit of the gospel of Christ.

Resolved, That no member shall be allowed to withdraw from the conference room without permission from the chairman.

Amos R. Day and Joseph J. Perrett were received into the annual conference; Wm. H. Kendrick and Raney Gillam were received subject to their transfers from Miami Conference. James Witt had died during the year. T. P. Jones was granted a transfer to the Miami Conference. N. P. McElfresh was expelled for immoral conduct. The following resolution was adopted:

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Whereas, "Holiness unto the Lord" is to be the motto of the ministers of this body; therefore,

Resolved, That P. C. Parker has been guilty of a public immorality by volunteering to go into the Mexican War; (a war for the extension of slavery) and furthermore that the conference does not approve nor fellowship the spirit of unholy international war, believing such spirit to be carnal and at war with the spirit of peace.

Resolved, That the presiding elder having jurisdiction over P. C. Parker proceed as soon as possible to deal with him according to Discipline.

The following preachers gave their names to travel fields of labor as unreserved itinerants: namely, J. T. Vardaman, E. B. Crousehorn, J. H. Stover, A. R. Day, W. W. Richardson, S. Rutledge, S. Kurtz, J. S. Wall, J. Perkins, Daniel Stover, W. S. Stuart, J. J. Perrett. Total, twelve. John T. Vardaman and W. W. Richardson were elected presiding elders. Jacob Baumgardner, Simeon Rutledge and Samuel Kurtz were ordained elders in the church.

THE SLAVERY QUESTION

The following resolution on slavery was adopted:

"*Whereas,* We believe that slavery is anti-scriptural and unjust, and that the churches connected with and apologizing for that evil are to a great extent its nursery; therefore,

Resolved, That we as a conference express ourselves favorable to the call for a convention made by Judge Stephenson in the Watchman of the Valley, 'to free the different evangelical churches from the principle and practice of slavery.' "

John T. Vardaman and W. W. Richardson were elected presiding elders.

STATIONING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

North District—W. W. Richardson, P.E.; Marion Circuit, S. Kurtz; Pipe Creek, Raney Gillam; Granville, J. H. Stover; Kokomo Mission, J. J. Perrett. South District—John T. Vardaman, P.E.; Liberty Circuit, Joseph Manning; Dublin, Daniel Stover, W. B. Witt; Andersonville, James S. Wall; Franklin (Johnson County), Charles McCarty; Indianapolis, Amos R. Day; Fall Creek, Jeremiah Perkins; Stoney Creek, W. H. Kendrick, J. H. King.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

(Copied from Telescope issue of October 13, 1846)

REV. JAMES WITT

James Witt was born August 23, 1812, and fell asleep in Jesus at his home in Dublin, Indiana, at ten o'clock on Sabbath morning September 13, 1846. Rev. Caleb W. Witt, M.D., furnished the Telescope with the following account of his brother's triumphant death:

ANOTHER MINISTER CALLED HOME

James Witt was licensed to preach and received into Indiana Conference, May 28, 1842, and was ordained to the holy office of an elder in the church by Bishop William Hanby at the original session of White River Conference, February 22, 1846. The writer says, "We have witnessed the death of many saints, but never saw such triumphant and ecstatic joy on a death-bed before. He prayed that God would give him strength enough to leave his dying testimony in favor of the reality and power of the Christian religion. He then told us how God converted his soul when he was about fifteen years of age through the introduction of family prayer, into his father's house by his eldest brother. Soon after his sins were forgiven and some considerable time before his father received pardoning grace, he gave evidence of the fact to the family, but did not make an open confession for three years. During this time he felt the clear conviction of his call to the ministry. He endeavored to excuse himself for several years. After he was married he became convinced he must do something or be lost. With a broken heart he promised God he would do anything he wanted him to do. He immediately went to work in the great harvest field of the Lord, and his first text was, 'He that reapeth receiveth wages.' He then began to study and to improve his mind, and to advance his Master's cause to the day of his death. On Sabbath three weeks before his death, he preached twice, which was the last he ever preached, except on his death-bed. He said he never was more blessed in preaching than he was the last time he tried to preach, and to tell the brethren that heard him, that what he preached to them that day was the truth, for he was now proving its truth. Another part of his experience was that last New Year's eve at our watch-night he resolved to love God with a perfect heart, and this year he would bring all his earthly business to a close, and if he lived he would join the itinerant minis-

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try, and be entirely dedicated to God and the Church, and if he died he would die the Lord's; that whether he lived or died he would be the Lord's." This design was carried out by him it being his every-day business during the present year. He then burst forth in most triumphant praise, and said "I have already fought the good fight. I have finished my course, and Oh, what a glorious crown now appears in view." He then looked around upon us and called his friends, and neighbors one at a time and bade them all farewell, giving to each his dying admonition. This being done he asked us to sing, "All is Well" then to pray. This done he gave further direction concerning his coffin and burial, all to be of the plainest kind.

Often during his talking with us he would look upon his weeping friends, and say, he loved them, and he loved his dear wife, and little John, but he loved Jesus and heaven better. He would exultantly say, "Death is no terror, he is a conquered enemy." Oh won't it be a happy voyage to take passage in the old family chariot, and have angels for company! Oh what a delightful journey from earth to Glory! At one time he said, "Dear wife and little son, father and mother, sisters and brothers, and all my friends, I love you all, and I was the only one among you that had a good constitution, and now I shall go home first." While we all stood weeping, he said, "Weep not for me for I am only going to my long-sought home." He said to his broken-hearted wife, "My dear I am going to leave you and I do not grieve because I go to my blessed Jesus, and I leave you in the hands of my good Lord." At another time he asked us to sing "O Heaven, Sweet Heaven, I long for thee," and when it seemed that his soul could scarcely be detained in his body any longer, he looked around, upon his friends, and said, "I would not exchange situations with any of you my friends, with no man in the world, for heaven is now mine, now my sorrows are ended, and I am safe at home, so farewell till we all meet again in heaven." A funeral sermon was preached as he requested by Brother John T. Vardaman from Numbers, 23:10, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his." The funeral was held in the presence of a large concourse of weeping friends and neighbors, in the Otterbein Chapel, which had just been erected across the street from his home. Brother James Witt had contributed liberally toward the building of the church. His entire consecration to God was what made him so exceedingly happy. His body sleeps in the old United Brethren Cemetery at Dublin, Indiana. He will rise again at the resurrection day (Signed) C. W. Witt.

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The triumphant testimony of Rev. James Witt on that Sabbath hour from nine to ten o'clock is one of the most sublime events of modern times. While people were assembling in the nearby churches of Dublin, and Cambridge City to hear their ministers preach, a company of brethren and friends were gathering at a cottage one square north of the National Road on the east side of Foundry Street in Dublin, to witness the death of a humble preacher of the Gospel, but upon entering the house they were amazed at the transcendent glory of that scene. They were unexpectedly ushered into the presence of a triumphant saint, radiant with the light and bliss of heaven, whose face was aglow with glory and whose "tongue was a tree of life."

The angels were there and rays of celestial light illumined the countenance of the saintly witnesses. The dying saint burst forth in most triumphant praise, such praise they had never heard before. Could it be the transfiguration of a saint? Then the saintly Witt, exultantly exclaims "I have already fought a good fight, I have finished my course, and Oh, what a glorious Crown appears in the view." Wonderful joy. He is permitted to see his crown before his spirit passes from his body, this fact has been declared to the world by a competent witness. Our great pioneer missionary Rev. John C. Bright, when he was dying said, "If this be dying it is sweet to die." Our beloved pioneer presiding elder, Rev. Aaron Farmer, when dying exclaimed, "Don't you hear that singing? The heavenly messengers are come for me, and I must go." But Rev. James Witt said "On what a glorious Crown appears in view! Heaven is mine 'I am safe at home,' so farewell till we all meet in heaven." This sublime testimony has been communicated to us by his dispassionate, truthful and spiritual brother in the flesh as well as in the ministry. Brethren of White River Conference give heed to these words. Rev. James Witt was the first member of this conference, to be called home. His name appears at the head of our cherished list of deceased ministers. This is a great honor to our conference. May God grant that we may all share with him the glory of life eternal.

SECOND SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(February, 1848)

White River Conference convened in its second annual session at White Chapel, Madison County, Indiana, at nine o'clock a. m., February 3, 1848. J. J. Glossbrenner, Bishop, opened the confer-

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ence by reading the second chapter of Second Timothy which was followed by singing and prayer. Joseph A. Ball was elected chairman, and John Slonecker, secretary. Members present: J. Slonecker, J. A. Ball, W. W. Richardson, C. W. Witt, D. Stover, J. H. Stover, J. S. Wall, M. M. Hook, W. Witt, J. T. Vardaman, A. Hanway, J. Perkins, A. King, G. Muth, Peter Weaver, A. R. Day, J. J. Perrett, M. M. Crow, W. S. Stuart, J. K. Lawrence, I. Collins, S. Rutledge, P. C. Parker, C. McCarty, S. Kurtz, W. Kendrick. Present, twenty-six. Absentees: E. B. Crousehorn, J. Manning, J. Morgan, J. Baumgardner, G. Rubush, S. Andrews, J. H. King, J. Taggart, R. Gillam. Absent, nine. Total, thirty-five.

Caswell Witt, Andrew Shearer, and John Garrison were received into the annual conference. W. H. Kendrick, and Raney Gillam were received on their transfers from Miami Conference. Raney Gillam was expelled from the conference. M. M. Crow was granted a transfer to any conference he may wish to join.

THE CASE OF REV. P. C. PARKER

The committee in case of P. C. Parker charged with public immorality in volunteering to go to the Mexican War reported. The committee decided that P. C. Parker being a man that sustained an excellent character and the charge that it was an immorality to go to the Mexican War was not proved by the evidence given in the case; therefore, the committee found the charge was not sustained; whereupon, the conference passed the following resolution by which P. C. Parker was expelled.

"*Resolved*, That the decision of the report of the committee in the case of P. C. Parker be rejected and that in view of the acknowledgment of said P. C. Parker in the act of going to war, which act the conference decides to be immoral; That P. C. Parker be expelled from this conference for said immorality."

The yeas and nays being called for the vote was as follows: Yeas—J. A. Ball, J. Slonecker, W. W. Richardson, C. W. Witt, D. Stover, J. H. Stover, J. S. Wall, A. King, G. Muth, P. Weaver, A. R. Day, W. Witt, J. T. Vardaman, A. Hanway, J. Perkins, J. K. Lawrence, I. Collins, S. Rutledge, J. J. Perrett, S. Kurtz, and W. Kendrick. Total, twenty-one. Nays—C. McCarty, M. M. Crow, W. S. Stuart, M. M. Hook. Total, four. J. T. Vardaman and W. W. Richardson were elected presiding elders. Peter Weaver was ordained.

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REVIVAL AT DUBLIN, INDIANA

The Telescope issue of January 27, 1847, contains the following account: "Our meeting at Dublin commenced the last evening of the year, 1846. Such a time I have never before witnessed. Our brethren dug deeper, and are standing on that foundation that is sure. On the last evening of the year, they assembled in the Otterbein Chapel, a new meeting-house, which was dedicated November 11, 1846. We entered into a covenant that we would serve God with a more perfect heart, and willing mind; and we realized that a 'day in the courts of our Lord is better than a thousand.' The Lord was present to own and bless the labors of his servants. A great renovation of the Church was witnessed. For five successive days, our love-feasts lasted until two o'clock. Of nights we had preaching and mourners-meetings resulting in twenty-three accessions and as many conversions, and the work still advancing with increasing interest. We have had over one hundred accessions on the charge."

(Signed) J. T. Vardaman.

The triumphant death of Rev. James Witt was the chief factor in effecting this revival, which proved to be the beginning of a revival wave that swept over eastern and central Indiana. "So the dead that he slew at his death," were many. The following quotation is from Herrick and Sweets, "History of North Indiana Conference; Methodist Episcopal Church, page eighteen:" "A revival occurred at Dublin, which became known as the 'great revival.' The spirit of this meeting spread throughout the entire eastern section of the State. F. A. Hardin, then a boy, who became a flaming evangelist, was converted at this meeting." Of Rev. James Witt, it can be truly said, "By it he being dead, yet speaketh."

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CHAPTER II

PERIOD OF PIONEER PROGRESS

(1848-1860)

TWO very important subjects received consideration in the United Brethren Church at the beginning of this period. These were the "establishment of an institution of learning" and the "higher Christian Life." Our church fathers believed that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin, and many of them tested by experience and boldly preached the doctrines. Otterbein, Newcomer, Edwards, Castle and other leaders of our church were strenuous advocates of the doctrine of sanctification.

Our White River Conference fathers all of whom were doctrinal preachers, earnestly proclaimed the doctrine of holiness and emphasized the importance of a holy life. The special prominence given to this idea was timely. A church which had borne testimony against the popular sins of the times was commencing an unwonted expansion, her numbers were soon to be doubled and trebled, and new and enlarged responsibilities were to be assumed and the faithfulness to the truth was to be thoroughly tested.

In January, 1847, the subject of establishing a college was taken up by the Indiana Conference. A committee of three was appointed to cooperate with a similar committee of the White River, and St. Joseph Conferences, with a view to the location of a college at Dublin or Washington, Indiana. In 1849 the quarterly conference of Newbern Circuit arranged to open a school at Hartsville, Bartholomew County, Indiana. The Indiana Conference at its session of 1849, and White River Conference at its session of 1850 endorsed the movement and Hartsville Academy was founded as a church school.

THE THIRD SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(October, 1848)

White River Conference held its third annual session at Kingdom Church (Blue River), Shelby County, Indiana, commencing at nine o'clock a. m., October 6, 1848, Bishop J. J. Glossbrenner, presiding. D. Stover was elected chairman, and John Slonecker and William W. Richardson, secretaries.

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The roll was called, the following preachers were present: D. Stover, J. Slonecker, W. W. Richardson, C. W. Witt, W. Witt, J. S. Wall, J. Perkins, Andrew Shearer, W. S. Stuart, Alfred King, J. K. Lawrence, M. M. Hook, A. Hanway, P. Weaver, S. Andrews, J. Baumgardner, J. J. Perrett, C. McCarty, J. A. Ball, J. T. Vardaman, and W. H. Kendrick. Total present, thirty. Absentees: John Morgan, Simeon Rutledge, John Garrison, Isaac Collins, and Samuel Kurtz. Total absent, five.

On motion it was decided that the conference members retain the self-same seats in the conference room during the session.

William Barton Witt, John R. Brown and Benjamin Newhouse, applicants, were received into the annual conference. Thomas J. Conner, and John Smith were received on transfer from Indiana Conference. Jacob Baumgardner was granted a transfer to Illinois Conference. Daniel Stover and M. M. Hook were elected presiding elders. Joseph Manning and James S. Wall were ordained.

THE BLUE RIVER CHURCH

The Blue River Church in Shelby County, Indiana, was organized as the Union Class, (commonly called Kingdom Class) in the fall of 1831, by Rev. Aaron Farmer, pastor of Flat Rock Circuit, Indiana Conference, with thirty-three charter members, of which there were twelve by the name of Carmony, four Myers, two Montgomerys, two Talberts, two Billmans, two Bowers, two Engles, two Hooks and one Copple. The Union meeting-house afterward called Kingdom Church, was erected in 1832 by Rev. Aaron Farmer, preacher in charge, and by John Carmony, Sr., William Montgomery and James Carmony, trustees, on the west line of Section thirty, Township fourteen north, Range eight east, on the Range line road, three miles south of Morristown, Indiana. The church located in a locust grove, was a huge log structure. The first seats were split logs, with limbs of trees for legs. These were afterward replaced with more modern pews made of wide boards by James Carmony. Greased paper was used for window panes, but was later exchanged for glass.

Two sessions of annual conference were held in this church. The following is copied from the Conference Minutes: "Indiana Conference met at the Union meeting-house, Flat Rock Circuit, Shelby County, Indiana, September 5, 1833, Henry Kumler, Bishop, John McNamar, chairman, and Aaron Farmer, secretary."

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The White River Conference Minutes read as follows: "The third session of White River Annual Conference convened at Kingdom, Shelby County, Indiana, at nine o'clock a. m., October 6, 1848. J. J. Glossbrenner, Bishop. Daniel Stover, chairman, and John Slonecker, secretary."

The foregoing account shows that the first name of this log church was Union meeting-house, and that later it was called "Kingdom" Church. A relative of the elder Carmony gives the following explanation as to how Union Church, Shelby County, Indiana, got the name of "Kingdom" Church: "Among the charter members of that log church was one John Carmony who had some resemblance to a giant. He was tall, rawboned, and strong. He had the longest arms, was the tallest person, could outlift the other men and could chop off a log with an ax quicker than any man in that neighborhood. At log rollings, wood-choppings, house-raisings, and other pioneer employments requiring bodily action he excelled. As he was the winner in all the contests, his friends and neighbors concluded to acknowledge his superiority by crowning him the king. Accordingly a wreath of leaves was prepared and placed upon his head, and he was called the king, the community was called the Kingdom neighborhood, and the meeting-house also was called Kingdom Church." After having been used twenty-two years during which time the Indiana and White River Conferences each held an annual session within its walls it was torn down in 1854.

The Blue River Chapel was built in the year of 1854. It is the second oldest frame church in use in White River Conference. The members of the Kingdom Church desiring a more modern place of worship was the inspiration for building the present church. The location of Blue River Chapel was about one and one-half miles southwest of the old Kingdom Church, being situated at the northwest corner of Section one, in Union Township, Shelby County, Indiana, the lot having been given by Eli Myer. The Blue River Church was erected by Rev. Thomas Evans, pastor, and Matthias M. Hook, William Montgomery and Samuel Copple, trustees, costing seventeen hundred dollars.

Three annual sessions of White River Conference were held in this church. The first session of conference was held in 1865. Jonathan Weaver, Bishop, and M. M. Hook, secretary. The second session was held in 1877. J. Weaver, Bishop, W. C. Day, secretary, and the third session was held in 1886, E. B. Kephart, Bishop, and A. C. Wilmore, secretary.

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Blue River Church Organized by Rev. Aaron Farmer In the Autumn of 1831

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Blue River Chapel has been in use for seventy-one years, and is one of the oldest frame churches now in use in White River Conference. It occupies a place in the front rank as a prosperous rural church, having one hundred and seventy members, a Sunday-school enrollment of one hundred and forty, and fifty endeavorers. The great and good Aaron Farmer closed his three years' pastorate of Blue River Church in 1837. His successors for one-half century following the close of his pastoral labors include the following pastors of the Blue River Church, namely: James Eckles, John G. Eckles. Wm. Eckles, Silas Andrews, Jacob Emerick, Wiley Jones, Joseph A, Ball, Amos Hanway, Aaron Davis, George Muth, Jeremiah Perkins, W. B. Witt, W. S. Stuart, A. Long, W. H. Kendrick, Thomas Evans, John Smith, B. R. B. Holcom, P. S. Cook, Harrison Harrel, William Nichols, Halleck Floyd, Alexander Carroll, A. E. Evans, S. B. Ervin, Irvin Cox, J. M. Cook, D. P. Rubush, F. M. DeMunbrun, A. C. Rice, Cyrus Smith, W. C. Day, John Cranor, Z. McNew, A. C. Wilmore, Abram Rust, C. B. Small and W. A. Oler.

Blue River Church has sent out the following ministers of the Gospel: Matthias M. Hook, W. H. Hook, Alonzo Myer, Asbury Myer, Marshal R. Myer, Joseph Carmony, Almira Myer Robbins, and William N. Sleeth.

The cemetery of the Blue River Church, situated west of the church across the highway, is the last earthly resting place of many members of this pioneer church.

FOURTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

The fourth annual session of White River Conference was held at Dublin, Indiana, commencing September 13, 1849. Bishop Glossbrenner, presided. Jacob H. Stover was elected chairman, and John Slonecker, secretary. At the time many Indianians were searching for gold in California, the spirit-led preachers of eastern and central Indiana who had been in quest of something of far greater value than gold, were reporting to White River Conference, hundreds of golden sheaves which had been gathered in the harvest field of our Lord during the past conference year. Twenty-five preachers were present and ten were absent. Anselm Butler and James Iliff, recommended by their quarterly conferences, were received into the annual conference. Jeremiah Perkins was granted a transfer to any conference he may wish to join. George Bonebrake was received on his transfer from Miami Conference. Daniel Stover, and George Muth were elected presiding elders. Joseph J.

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Perrett and Amos R. Day were ordained. M. M. Hook, treasurer of the Benevolent fund reported as follows: Balance on hand last year, $23.21; received from fields of labor, $8.19; received on J. A. Ball note, $32; received on interest on J. A. Ball note, $5; received at conference, 1849, $18.60. Balance on hand September 15, 1849, $89.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved,* That we think it expedient for the interest of the Home Missionary Society that we employ agents to travel through the conference district to solicit and lift collections for the benefit of said society." C. W. Witt, M. M. Hook and Amos Hanway were appointed such solicitors. The reader is here reminded that we are referring to the early period of such organizations. They were somewhat related to the economic affairs of the home missionary and to the unreserved itinerant. The missionaries depended on the home mission fund to supplement their small salaries, and the traveling preachers looked to the Benevolent fund for a pittance when their working days would be over.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF YEAR ENDING 1849

Name of Charge	Name of Preacher	Salary	Total for all Purposes
East District	D. Stover, P.E.	$	$
Liberty Circuit	W. H. Kendrick	129.85	162.55
Dublin	J. T. Vardaman	161.55	201.86
New Garden	A. R. Day	100.41	102.61
Granville	J. J. Perrett	51.76	65.15
Andersonville	T. J. Conner	85.11	108.76
Walnut Mission	J. S. Wall		
West District	M. M. Hook, P.E.		
Clifty Circuit	George Muth	73.88	87.62
Franklin	W. S. Stuart	137.50	155.40
Indianapolis	Alfred King		
Fall Creek	W. W. Richardson	120.00	183.37
Pipe Creek	Jeremiah Perkins	89.81	110.86
Marion	J. R. Brown	88.19	105.95
Kokomo Mission	W. B. Witt	53.54	53.54
Total		$1,091.50	$1,337.67

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The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved,* That the circuit preachers use their endeavors to organize Sabbath schools at all of their regular appointments."

FIFTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1850)

The fifth annual session of White River Conference met at Andersonville, Indiana, August 22, 1850. The Bishop being absent, Rev. Joseph A. Ball was elected chairman, and presided over the conference until the arrival of Bishop Edwards, the succeeding day. George Muth was elected secretary. Twenty-seven preachers were present and ten absent. Alexander Long, William Nichols and Benjamin R. B. Holcom, applicants, were received into the conference. William Stubbs was received into the conference on transfer from Miami Conference. James Iliff was granted a transfer to St. Joseph Conference. George Muth and T. J. Conner were elected presiding elders. White River Conference voted to join with the Indiana Conference in cooperating with the Hartsville Academy as a church school.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

The following reolution was passed:

"*Resolved,* That this conference deem a more scriptural and conscientious observance of the holy Sabbath necessary in the membership and ministry of the church, and to be required by our Discipline, and by the Word of God, and in the opinion of this body the practice of traveling on the Sabbath, except for religious purposes, is contrary to God's word, and should not be indulged in by ministers and members of our church."

The financial report was composed of the following items: Bishop's salary, $50; presiding elders' salary, $229.61; circuit preachers' salary, $1,120.16; missionary cause, $109.75. The following commendation is bestowed upon a worthy minister: Rev. Joseph A. Ball, the chairman of the conference, who presided in the absence of the Bishop during the first day, filled the position with ability. He was one of the great preachers of his day, and for many years occupied a prominent place in the conference.

THE ANDERSONVILLE CHURCH

Andersonville having been the meeting-place of both the Indiana and the White River Annual Conferences, and the church house in

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which this session of 1850 was held being still in use by the loca United Brethren Church, we give the following account of this church:

The Andersonville Church was organized by Rev. Dillon Bridges, pastor of White Water Circuit, in the fall of 1834, with the following charter members: Rev. John Morgan, Huldah Morgan, Rev. Silas Andrews, Elizabeth Andrews, Henry Cook, Mary Cook, John M. Cook, Mary Ann Cook, Rev. Peter Simmons Cook, Eliza Jane Cook, John Allen, Martha Allen, Archibald Miller, Ann Miller, John Lewis, Susan Lewis, Nancy Jackman, Eliza Loff, Rev. Charles S. Miller, Ann Miller, Virginia McMath, Nancy Walker.

Dillon Bridges, was assigned to this charge at the fifth session of Indiana Conference held at Davis schoolhouse in Warren County, Indiana, in 1834, Bishop McNamar, presiding. The preachers who attended from eastern Indiana, rode horseback across the State, there and back, a distance of from two hundred to three hundred miles. Men with such mettle undertook hazardous tasks, and executed heroic undertakings. Such a man was Dillon Bridges. Soon after that conference he organized the Andersonville Class, and laid the foundation of this active, persevering, and virile church. His popularity was such that he retained this pastorate three years, an unusual accomplishment in that short-term period.

A score of years afterward Brother Bridges was preaching in Owen County. William Travis, author of a history of Clay County, Indiana, says, "The writer first attended a church service June 24, 1855, in a pioneer log house, east of Bowling Green, in the Kincade neighborhood, on which occasion the services were conducted by Rev. Dillon Bridges of the United Brethren Church, the father of Dillon W. Bridges, ex-county clerk of Clay County, Indiana."

The preachers who succeeded Dillon Bridges in the pastorate of the Andersonville Church for the succeeding half century were as follows: Wiley Jones, Jacob Emerick, Joseph A. Ball, L. S. Chittenden, George Rubush, George Muth, Aaron Davis, Thomas J. Conner, Nathan McElfresh, James S. Wall, S. M. Shumway, William S. Stuart, Daniel Stover, Milton Wright, Josiah G. Shuey, Henry K. Muth, Peter S. Cook, H. C. Miller, A. True, Alexander Carroll, Thomas Evans, Halleck Floyd, Milton R. Harris, F. M. DeMunbrun, Monroe Groenendyke, Asbury Myer, William E. Mosier, Andrew J. Bolen, and Thomas E. Kinneman.

The Andersonville frame meeting-house was erected under the pastorate of Rev. James S. Wall, by John Morgan, John M. Cook,

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Henry Cook, Archibald Miller, and John Lewis, trustees, in the year 1847, at a cost of $1800. This is the oldest frame church house that is still in use in White River Conference. Franklin County, Indiana, has the distinction of furnishing White River Conference with its oldest frame and brick church houses. The frame being at Andersonville in the northwestern part of the county, and the brick being the old Franklin Church in Fairfield Township, in the northern part of the county. The Franklin Church was erected in 1831, and the Andersonville Church in 1847.

THE SALEM CHURCH

The Salem church house, one mile north of the National Road in Dudley Township, Henry County, Indiana, is the third oldest frame church house now in use in White River Conference. The Salem Class was organized by Rev. Daniel Stover in June, 1842, with Jacob and Martha Ward, Charles and Elizabeth McGeth, Eli and Mary Hawley, Charles P. and Maria Hawley, Robinson and Abigail Haskett and Micajah and Temperance Modlin, charter members. The Salem frame church was built in 1858 by Rev. Alexander Carroll, pastor, and Eli Hawley, Mahlon Pickering and William Smith, board of trustees.

MOUNT ZION CHURCH

Mt. Zion Church, Hamilton County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. D. Stover April, 1839, with Samuel and Polly Brooks, John and Sarah Heath, Isaac and Martha Helms, Alonzo and Sarah Sherman, John Abney, Allen and Lucy Kincaid, charter members. The Mt. Zion frame church was built in 1858 by Samuel Brooks, John Heath and Isaac Helms, trustees, and is entitled to share the honor with Salem of being the third oldest frame church in our conference.

REVIVAL ON BELLFOUNTAINE CIRCUIT

The Telescope contains an account of the following revival: "We commenced our meeting on December 3, 1848. On the fourth day of the meeting ten came forward to be prayed for. Day after day and night after night the cry is, 'Save Lord or we perish!' Not only the young but the old hard-hearted sinners are crying for mercy. There have been twenty-nine accessions to the church in this meeting, and a large number of conversions. I have received in all thirty-nine members on this field of labor this conference year" January 8, 1849. F. B. Hendrix.

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REVIVAL ON FRANKLIN CIRCUIT

The Telescope of December 11, 1850, contains the following: "To all who wish to know how we are prospering on the Franklin Circuit in Johnson County, White River Conference, we would say that we have had gracious revivals and sixteen accessions to the church with flattering prospects for future success."

Morgantown, Indiana, November 26, 1850. J. S. Wall.

REVIVAL AT ANSPAUGH SCHOOLHOUSE

(Now Union Chapel, St. Paul charge)

"It is my happy privilege to record a glorious revival, which took place in the neighborhood of Jacob Anspaugh's, Decatur County, Indiana, on the Clifty Circuit, the last week in December, 1850. Almost from the very commencement we witnessed signal displays of the power and grace of God. The altar was crowded with mourners at every service, and the scenes there presented are beyond description. There was about a score of young men, some married and some single, and perhaps an equal number of young women with some more aged persons, to be seen agonizing together at the throne of mercy. In one place you would see the wife locked in the embrace of her husband, and in another place the aged father and mother with streaming eyes embracing sons and daughters, while the fervent prayers of God's people ascended on high. There were scores of conversions and thirty-two accessions to the church."

Andersonville, Indiana, December 29, 1850.

T. J. Conner, P.E.

SIXTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1851)

The sixth session of White River Conference was held at White Chapel, Madison County, Indiana, commencing August 21, 1851, Bishop Edwards presiding. M. M. Hook was elected chairman, and John Slonecker, secretary. Twenty-seven preachers were present and eleven absent. W. A. Cardwell was received into the conference, J. Perkins and William Stubbs, were received on their transfers. Joseph Manning and George Bonebrake were granted transfers to the Wabash Conference and W. B. Witt to the Miami Conference. The entire conference was constituted a presiding elder's district.

T. J. Conner was elected presiding elder.

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Hartsville Academy having been endorsed by White River Conference in 1850, as a church school the official record of this session of conference contains the following reference to that school: The report of the trustees of Hartsville University was read and explained, after which the report was adopted, as follows:

"*Resolved,* That this conference is satisfied in regard to the subject of Hartsville University.

"*Resolved,* That we give Hartsville University our earnest support. That our traveling ministers, at least once each year present the claims of such institution to each class on their circuits."

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. SIMEON RUTLEDGE *

Simeon Rutledge was born in 1805. He entered Indiana Conference in 1844, was ordained in White River Conference in 1847. After giving five years to the active ministry God called him home in 1849.

REV. JESSE SCOTT

Jesse Scott was born in 1811. He was received in Indiana Conference in 1842, and ordained in 1845. He transferred to White River Conference in 1852. He gave fifteen years to the active work and went to his home above in 1858.

SEVENTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1852)

White River Conference convened in its seventh session at Hartsville, Indiana, August 19, 1852. Bishop Edwards presided, W. W. Richardson was elected secretary. Twenty preachers were present and fifteen absent. Alexander Carroll was received into the conference. Aaron Davis and Jesse Scott were received on their transfers from Indiana Conference. Charles McCarty was granted a transfer. After having the supervision of but one presiding elder whose district embraced the entire conference the boundary committees' report recommending that there be two districts was adopted. Daniel Stover and John T. Vardaman were elected presiding elders.

REV. T. J. CONNER APPOINTED MISSIONARY TO OREGON

The Board of Missions having appointed Presiding Elder Conner missionary to Oregon, the following resolutions were adopted.

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"Whereas, the Board of Missions at an official meeting thereof have appointed Rev. T. J. Conner of the White River Annual Conference a missionary to Oregon, therefore;

Resolved, That we as a conference certify to all whom it may concern that Brother T. J. Conner is an ordained minister in regular standing, in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and of the most unblemished character, and while we heartily concur in the appointment of our dear brother to that far off mission field, we at the same time lament the going away of so useful a minister and so amiable a man; and furthermore we hereby assure Brother Conner that in view of the hardships connected with his long and perilous journey, and the labors of his responsible station, he has our warmest sympathies as well as our most fervent prayers."

EIGHTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE (1853)

The eighth session of White River Conference, met at Sugar Grove Church, Wayne County, Indiana, August 24, 1853, Bishop Edwards presiding. M. M. Hook was elected secretary, and George Muth, assistant. Thomas Evans, Milton Wright and George Broderick entered the conference; George Rathfon was received by transfer from Pennsylvania Conference. The conference having received intelligence that William S. Stuart had withdrawn from the church it was so recorded in the minutes. John T. Vardaman and Amos Hanway were elected presiding elders. The progress in the support of the gospel is indicated in the following comparative figures. The salaries of the presiding elders and pastors in the year of 1850 amounted to $1,350. In 1853 these ministers received a total of $1,636, a gain of $286, or a little more than twenty-one percent in three years or seven percent annually.

Rev. Aaron Davis was a preacher in Indiana Conference from 1832 until 1852, when he transferred to White River Conference. He served his first year in this conference on Andersonville Station, when he was appointed to the pastorate of our First Church at Indianapolis. His place of residence was at Newbern, a town in Bartholomew County, from which he was arranging to move to Indianapolis. But before completing his plans to move the following awful affair occurred in which Brother Davis' son became a martyr to the cause of temperance. The bereft father gives the following account of the tragedy in the Telescope issue of November 2, 1853.

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THE TRAGIC DEATH OF A MINISTER'S SON

(Joseph R. Davis, a Martyr to the Cause of Temperance)

The Telescope of November 2, 1853, contains the following letter from Rev. Aaron Davis, of White River Conference, father of the martyred boy.

Newbern the town in which I have lived the last three years, has been infested with whisky shops, which greatly annoyed the civil part of the community. Last August the citizens of Newbern in Bartholomew County, organized a social order of temperance. In less than three weeks there were more than one hundred members which enraged the venders of the article. On the night of September third the sign on one of the doors was torn down. The next day the keeper swore he would kill some one for that act. On the evening of September fifth the young men of the place got up a temperance march and started at the store of Miller and Company. Several of the most respectable citizens of the place being present, said to them, "Boys don't interrupt them at Tuttle's Grocery, for they have threatened to kill some of you." The answer of the boys was, "We don't intend to disturb anyone." When they came nearly opposite the shop above named they were rocked and egged from the house, upon which they retreated. In quick succession the firing commenced, the first ball entered my son in the lower part of his abdomen, and lodged in the spine. He cried, "I am shot," and fell. The messenger soon brought the sad intelligence to myself and the rest of the family that were in the house. Much alarmed we all rushed out of the house and met the crowd on Main Street. My son, carried by several persons told us not to be alarmed, that the wound was not mortal. As soon as we examined him I told him he must die, and to look to God and to him only, as man could do nothing for him. He thought the wound was not fatal. In the course of one hour he asked me to pray for him. After prayers, "Father," said he, "I now see I shall die. I feel willing and prepared to die." From that hour till his last he was one of the happiest souls I ever saw. Some seven or eight hours before he departed, he sank as we supposed in death, and closed his eyes, but in a short time revived, and commenced talking strong, and wished us all to give him the hand. As the house was full a Brother Morris took hold of his hand and asked him if he thought he could talk to all. He replied, "Oh, yes I can stand that." He took us by the hand and advised us how to live so as to meet him in heaven. Such a sermon

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we never heard preached. When he got through he asked us to sing, "I have sought round the verdant earth for unfading joy." All were melted into a flood of tears and none could sing. About five minutes before he died he said as he frequently had done, "Father, I shall soon be in heaven."

His last words were, "Now they have come." I asked him who, but he was gone. The angels to which he referred conveyed his happy soul to the climes of endless joys. I do not pretend to justify the march, but I do not suppose the boys intended any harm. My son was 21 years 9 months and 14 days old.

Two years ago last January he joined the church of which I am a member, and lived as is believed by his neighbors and classmates a pious life. His death needs no comment.

P. S. There are two men in prison for the crime. Court is now in session, their trial may come off this week, and it is hoped justice will be done.

Indianapolis, Indiana, October 25, 1853. Aaron Davis.

NINTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1854)

The ninth session of White River Conference was held at Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing August 18, 1854, Bishop David Edwards, presiding. Aaron Davis was elected chairman, and George Muth, secretary. Thirty-one preachers were present, and twenty absent. Cyrus Smith, William Daugherty, Thomas G. Price, James Long, Joseph Myers and G. W. Keller were received into the conference. D. Shuck was received on his transfer from Indiana Conference. Andrew Shearer died during the year. Joseph J. Perrett and W. A. Cardwell were granted open transfers. Amos Hanway and Aaron Davis were elected presiding elders.

The General Conference which met at Miltonville, Ohio, in May, 1853, organized a Home Frontier and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. The church was in the beginning of a great missionary awakening. White River Conference entered fully into the spirit of this awakening. W. A. Cardwell enlisted in the Frontier Missionary work, by going to the State of Kansas, and occupying that frontier mission field.

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REV. W. A. CARDWELL

William A. Cardwell, entered White River Conference in 1851, and gave three years to the pastorate. In 1854 he was sent by the General Board as a missionary to Kansas. Mr. Cardwell moved his family in a wagon and was one hundred and thirty-five days making the journey. Upon reaching the territory, he found himself homeless, penniless, and almost friendless. Settling in a shack at Big Springs he at once began a survey of the country, and soon had an appointment for every day in the week. Some of the preaching places were a day's travel from home. "Wind and Tide," were against the hero. No support for his family, and a bloody political controversy, created conditions which tried his very soul. Including the small appropriation made by the board his salary for the first year did not exceed $65.00. How his devoted wife and children existed during this trying period, God only knows. We rejoice in the thought, however, that he does know and has a perfectly kept record of it all. Mr. Cardwell was a man who thought for himself, and had the courage of his convictions. He stood for the freedom of Kansas, and had made bold to express his views whenever there was occasion for it. Such a course made him a target for the pro-slavery element and consequently endangered his life. His neighbors who were friendly with him, but not with his views, frequently warned him against further denunciation of slavery and whisky; but to him the path of duty seemed clear, and he was bound to walk in it regardless of personal results. On one occasion he met twelve border ruffians squarely in the road. They were all armed and he was quick to see that his safety lay in a bold front, so he walked right up to their guns which were leveled at him as though he utterly disregarded them. The usual question was put to him, "Where are you from?" to which he replied immediately, "Kentucky." This seemed to satisfy them. His answer was true, though he had lived many years in Indiana after leaving his southern home.

TENTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1855)

The tenth session of White River Conference met at Honey Creek Chapel, Johnson County, Indiana, August 16, 1855, Bishop Edwards presiding. The secretary, George Muth, called the roll of the members of the conference as follows: John T. Vardaman, Daniel Stover, Aaron Davis, George Muth, J. S. Wall, William Witt,

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Caleb W. Witt, Amos Hanway, Milton Wright, Jesse Scott, Thos. Evans, Isaac Collins, David O. Farrell, William Nichols, John R. Brown, S. M. Shumway, John Smith, Cyrus Smith, W. W. Richardson, Joseph Myers, Alfred King, William H. Daugherty, Benjamin R. B. Holcom, James Long, Anselm Butler, Thomas G. Price. Total present, twenty-six. A. H. K. Beam and J. Wiseman were received into the conference. J. Broderick's name was erased from the conference roll. John T. Vardaman and Amos Hanway were elected presiding elders.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING IN 1855

Number of members at the beginning of the year, 2196; members received during the year, 472; members lost during the year, 184; number of members at the end of the year, 2484; net increase of the membership, 288. Anselm Butler was elected secretary and C. W. Witt, treasurer of the Conference Missionary Society.

ELEVENTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1856)

White River Conference convened in its eleventh annual session at Abington, Indiana, August 8, 1856, Bishop Edwards presiding. George Muth was elected chairman, and Milton Wright, secretary.

Forty-three members were present and eleven absent. Peter S. Cook, Henry Muth, J. E. Rutherford, W. C. Ketner, Franklin Morgan, J. W. Price and Hardy Wray were received into the conference. John T. Vardaman, Aaron Davis, and George Muth were elected presiding elders. Record Book Number One of White River Conference, embracing the Minutes of 1856, contains conclusive testimony of the existence, at that time of twenty-two classes constituting the Greenwood, Blue River, and Marion Circuits, which is here presented in the following report of the Boundary Committee:

First, that Union, Honey Creek, Greenwood, Collins (Ebenezer), and Friendship classes constitute Greenwood Circuit. Second, that Ogburn, Potts, Delaneys, Eden Chapel, Blue River Chapel, Bosse, and Pelham classes constitute Blue River Circuit. Third, that Rush Creek, Salem, Marion, Mt. Pleasant (Bethlehem), Sugar Grove, Shanks (Union Chapel), Wagoner, Woolman's, Shugarts, and Liberty classes constitute Marion Circuit. Those old circuits that existed seventy years ago, each have one local church still living. Those churches are Honey Creek of Greenwood Circuit, Blue River,

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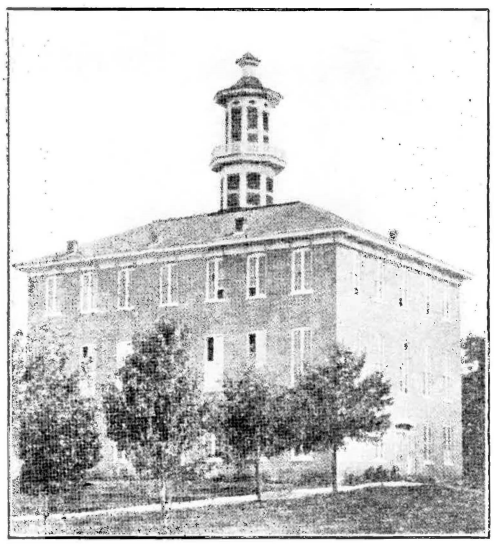

Hartsville College, Founded in 1852

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of Blue River Circuit, and Union Chapel of Marion Circuit. All hail Blue River, Honey Creek, Johnson County; and Union Church, Grant County. That old Conference Record, laid up in the archives of the United Brethren Historical Society, embraces unchallenged evidence of your longevity. Long may you live to promote righteousness.

TWELFTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1857)

The conference for this year was held at Perkinsville, Indiana, commencing August 13, Bishop Edwards presiding. D. Stover was chairman and George Muth, secretary.

Thirty-two ministers were present, and twenty-one absent. William Hall, John Gibson, Scott Richardson, and Samuel Purtee, applicants, were received into the conference. Harrison Harrell was received on his transfer from Indiana Conference. John R. Brown was granted a transfer to Miami Conference. Milton Wright and Wm. H. Daugherty were granted transfers to Oregon Conference. Both of these ministers had made arrangements to enter the missionary work in that distant mission field. Daniel Stover and Amos Hanway were elected presiding elders.

EXPERIENCE OF A CIRCUIT RIDER IN BROWN COUNTY

It was at this conference that Rev. William Nichols related an experience which he had four years prior to that time on his first visit to Morgantown Circuit. Brother Nichols said that on the Saturday following the annual conference of 1853 after riding horseback all day he arrived at a log cabin in the hills of Brown County, in which there lived a man and his wife, who were members of the class where he was to preach the next day. An opening had been cut through the side of the cabin for a window, but no sash or glass had been provided. The woman hearing the footsteps of his horse as he rode up stuck her head out of this opening, and at the first sight greeted him with, "Howdy stranger, Howdy, I s'pose you are our new preacher."

He informed her of his appointment to that circuit, and told her his name. She expressed great delight on obtaining this information, and said: "Light, Brother Nichols, light, sir I'm awful glad to see you. Brother Lawrence stayed with us a heap and he left the class book at our house."

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As soon as he entered the house she brought the class-book and began to give a full account of each member of the class. But he told her it was nearly night, and he had not had any dinner. He had traveled all day and he was very hungry and very tired. She replied by saying: "We'll have supper directly, Brother Nichols directly. The pig is in the pen, and Tom he'll be home right soon, and get the water a bilin. We'll have supper directly Brother Nichols."

To those unacquainted with the people in those hills the fact that "the pig was in the pen," but was not even butchered, and that Tom, her husband was away from home, would seem to be a queer reason to give that the supper would be ready directly." But with her it was an essential move toward that accomplishment. As the supper was considered a sure thing with her, and not thinking that the delay of a few hours could make any more difference with him than it did with the people in the hills, she took up the class book, and began to go over the names, and tell him about each member, speaking of the good qualities of some of them and of the bad traits of others, until he interrupted her with the story of his long ride, exhausted body and extreme hunger. To this she responded in the most assuring manner; repeating that which she had said before regarding Tom's return and the prospective supper. Having given him this, to her perfectly satisfactory and renewed assurance, she began again to go over the names, and to tell him about the other members. When in utter despair of getting any supper from this dilatory sister, he asked her the distance to the nearest family indicated on his map. She told him it was about three miles. He went out to his horse, and mounted it. She followed him with utter amazement and said: "Why Brother Nichols, you're not agwine is you?" He replied: "Oh, yes, sister; I must get something to eat," and started away. Astonished beyond measure, she called after him, and he rode on hearing her excited appeal: "We'll have supper, d'rectly, Brother Nichols, d'rectly. The pig is in the pen, and Tom he'll be home d'rectly, and we'll have supper d'rectly, Brother Nichols."

THIRTEENTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1858)

At the session of White River Conference in 1858 which convened at Dublin, Indiana, August 12, the reports gave evidence of prosperity. Bishop Edwards presided. He was assisted by Bishop

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Lewis Davis, who occupied the chair when called upon by the presiding Bishop. Daniel Stover was chairman and H. C. Miller, secretary.

The following members were present: D. Stover, G. Muth, A. Davis, D. O. Farrell, B. R. B. Holcom, H. C. Miller, W. C. Ketner, J. S. Wall, William Nichols, J. E. Rutherford, H. K. Muth, J. W. Price, A. Butler, A. Carroll, C. W. Witt, William Hall, Joseph Myers, Andrew Elliott Evans, A. H. K. Beam, J. Perkins, Isaac Collins, John Morgan, Alfred King, J. T. Vardaman, Amos Hanway, B. F. Morgan, H. Harrell, J. H. Stover, M. M. Hook, David Schuck, T. Groenendyke, T. G. Price, Samuel Purtee, A. R. Day, W. H. Kendrick, Thomas Evans, Cyrus Smith, J. K. Lawrence and Hardy Wray. Total present, thirty-nine.

Members absent: P. S. Cook, A. Long, John Fohl, John Smith, Samuel Kurtz, G. Gibson, James Long, Silas Andrews, Joseph A. Ball, John Slonecker, S. Richardson, J. Rathfon. Total absent, twelve. Total, fifty-one. Irvin Cox and J. B. Ervin were received into the conference. Memorial services were held in respect to Jesse Scott who died during the year. Alfred King and D. O. Farrell were elected presiding elders.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Bishop ask each preacher, upon his examination the following question: "Have you any connection with secret combinations?"

REVIVAL OF FALL CREEK (NOBLESVILLE) CIRCUIT*

We commenced a meeting November 2, 1858, which lasted seven days. Many were happily converted, and thirty-five united with the church. We have received over fifty members into the church since our last quarterly meeting. "The fire is burning all around the circuit—pray for us."

December 6, 1858. Alexander Carroll.

FOURTEENTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1859)

The fourteenth session of White River Conference was held at Olive Branch Chapel, Bartholomew County, Indiana, beginning August 18, 1859. Bishop David Edwards read the first chapter of Timothy. In his exposition of the word the Bishop emphasized

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the importance of teaching sound doctrine and exposed the folly of those teachers who "turned aside unto vain talking." His instruction would apply to the foolish modernist of today. H. C. Miller, secretary called the roll. Thirty-six preachers responded to their names and fifteen were absent.

Halleck Floyd, Robert B. Beaty, J. M. Cook, William A. Davenport and William Wright were admitted to the conference. Josiah G. Shuey was received on his transfer from Wabash Conference. Jeremiah Perkins was granted a transfer to Lower Wabash Conference. J. W. Price died during the year. Amos Hanway and David O. Farrell were elected presiding elders.

REVIVAL AT MACEDONIA CHURCH

At a meeting at Macedonia Class on Stony Creek Circuit, which has been in session over two weeks, more than sixty precious souls have been happily converted to God. The meeting is still going on. What the Lord will yet do for us I do not know, but our faith is strong. Yours in Christ,

November 10, 1859. J. B. Ervin.

REVIVAL AT INDIANAPOLIS FIRST CHURCH *

The Lord is with us in power on this charge. We are now in the midst of a glorious revival of religion. We commenced January 14, and the meeting is still in progress. The church has received a fresh baptism of the Holy Ghost, and the brethren and sisters have unanimously come up to the help of the Lord, against the mighty. Sinners have been awakened and convicted, and mourners have been converted. Twenty-five have professed conversion, and thirty-five have joined the church. Our prospects are good for a still greater work. Pray for us.

Indianapolis, Indiana, February 9, 1860. P. S. Cook.

FIFTEENTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1860)

This conference met at Williamsburg, Indiana, August 16, 1860, Bishop Edwards presiding. D. Stover, chairman, P. S. Cook, secretary, and Milton Wright, assistant. Herbert C. Pearce, J. B. Tennel, Samuel Harris, Allen S. Meeks, and Jesse Barnes were

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licensed to preach by the annual conference. William Hall, Alexander Carroll, Samuel Purtee and Hardy Wray were ordained. Thomas Evans, William Nichols, and David O. Farrell were elected presiding elders.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. JOSEPH A. BALL

Joseph A. Ball was born in 1802. He entered Indiana Conference in 1831, and became a charter member of White River Conference at its organization in 1846. He gave fifteen years to the active ministry, four years of which were spent in the presiding eldership. Father Ball was a delegate from Indiana Conference to the General Conferences of 1841 and 1845. He died September 15, 1865. His precious remains repose beneath a monument in front of the old Franklin Church near Fairfield, Franklin County, Indiana.

LORENZO DOW

Lorenzo Dow was born in Connecticut in 1777. He joined the Methodist Church in his youth but soon severed his connection with that organization. In early manhood he became an itinerant preacher, and although he belonged to no particular denomination his preaching and manner of life bore such a striking resemblance to the pioneer United Brethren preachers that it has been thought proper to give our readers an account of his life. Lorenzo Dow was well known in the South and West, having traversed the country on horseback from one end to the other. His preaching was mostly in the villages and rural districts. He gave considerable attention to camp-meetings. He preached against Catholicism and advocated the doctrines of regeneration and eternal punishment. He denounced pride and frivolity and lived the simple life. His eccentricities of dress and speech attracted large audiences everywhere.

About 1827 Dow first visited Indianapolis. He approached the village from the South and upon ascending the high ground on South Meridian Street he saw the only church in the place (the old Presbyterian) upon which was a cupola. Ah, said he "the devil has been here before me, see that church with a steeple, that church is built in honor of the devil." He hitched his horse on the southeast corner of Washington and Meridian streets, and commenced his sermon. He soon had the entire population of the village as hearers. On Sunday he preached in the woods south of Indianapolis. Some boys

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had climbed up a tree above where he stood. Said he, "Boys come down, Zaccheus once did that; it was never known whether he saw the Lord or not." He addressed the women who were present, many of whom were decked out in the tawdry fashion of the day. "Here you are," said he, "curled, crimped, and gathered, ringed, bobbed, and feathered. How the devil will make those feathers fly when he gets you." At the close of his discourse he announced he would again preach to the people of that place fifty-two weeks from that day.

REV. ALFRED KING

Alfred King was born in 1814. He entered Indiana Conference in 1842, and was ordained in 1846. He became a charter member of White River Conference, at its organization in 1846. Of the ten years that he gave to the ministry two years was given to the presiding eldership.

REV. WILLIAM W. RICHARDSON

William W. Richardson entered Indiana Conference in 1840, and was ordained in 1843. He gave four years to the itinerancy in Indiana Conference, and eight years in White River Conference of which he served four years as presiding elder. He served five years as conference secretary. He was a delegate from White River Conference to the General Conferences of 1849, and 1853. He transferred to Iowa Conference in 1857.

REV. THOMAS J. CONNER

Thomas Jefferson Conner was born near Colerain, Hamilton County, Ohio, April 6, 1821. In 1823 he was taken by his parents to Franklin County, Indiana. At the age of thirteen he was converted and united with the United Brethren Church, under the pastorate of Rev. Aaron Farmer. At that early age he gave evidence of a call to the ministry. Five years later he was given license to preach, and seven years later he began his itinerant work in the Indiana Conference.

T. J. Conner entered Indiana Conference in 1845, and was ordained in 1848. In 1849 he transferred to White River Conference. He gave seven years to the active ministry, in the two conferences, of which five years was given to the pastorate and two years to the presiding eldership.

In January, 1852, Brother Conner was appointed missionary to Oregon. He left his home at Hartsville, Indiana, February 4, 1852,

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going to Cincinnati, Ohio, from which place he went by boat to Keokuk, Iowa, arriving March 24, and before the meeting of the Board of Missions he was far on his journey toward the mission field. After ten days he started on his journey to Council Bluffs, which he reached the second day of May, where he found sixteen families in waiting. Four besides himself were ministers, in all ninety-eight persons, among whom was his faithful associate and sharer in his missionary work, Rev. J. Kenoyer of the old Wabash Conference.

No missionary of the Cross ever faced a more heroic undertaking. It involved greater hardships than would a journey today to the remotest corners of the earth. The difficulties of the journey will be appreciated if it is borne in mind that the missionary party were all strangers in the country, that there was no well-defined road, and frequently not even a trail or a track, except that of the buffalo. When Doctor Whitman and Mr. Spaulding were sent out by the American board in 1836, and were arranging to have their wives accompany them, the first white women that ever crossed the continent, an Indian artist in Pittsburgh said, "You might perhaps get through yourselves, but you can never get the women through; they will be kidnapped." Mr. Conner being a man of actions rather than speech, did not write a detailed account of the journey. On June 17 he writes: "We have reached Fort Laramie, on the Platte River, company all well. Travel on the plains, though laborious and perilous, is not entirely destitute of interest. The scenery is most delightful; the Indians are numerous." Two months later he writes: "We are now fifty miles east of Grand Rounds, 260 miles from The Dalles, and about 220 miles from Oregon City. We have suffered much from thirst, hunger and storms, which sometimes threatened our lives. Our teams are so far reduced that we shall not be able to pass the Cascades without buying more. Our progress has been slow, our trials great, but the God of Israel has been with us and mercifully protected us." On October 9, he reports the following from Maysville, Oregon: "We have accomplished our long and perilous journey. On the 26th, Brother Edwards and myself, with our families and effects reached the settlements in the long-sought Willamette Valley. Here we arrived six months and eighteen days from the time we left our pleasant homes in Indiana. Five months and twenty-eight days from the time we left Council Bluffs."

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COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

The extraordinary progress made during this period is attested by the comparative growth of the membership. At its organization in 1846, White River Conference had ninety-five appointments and eighty classes. The membership numbered 1860. The presiding elders' salaries were $175, and the salaries of the pastors were $1021, while the total for all purposes amounted to $1235. The statistical report of 1853 showed 2196 members; presiding elders' salaries $230, and pastors' salaries $1121, while the total for all purposes amounted to $1636. The advance is shown by comparing the above figures with the following:

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING IN 1861

Number of appointments, 161; number of classes, 131; number reported at beginning of year, 4435; number received during year, 749; number died, 52; number dropped, 129; number expelled, 60; number removed, 167; number withdrawn, 57; present number, 4554; increase, 119. Circuit preacher's salary, $3,951.87; presiding elder's salary, $587.26; presents, $230.90; collected for Home Missions, $197.02; collected for Frontier and Foreign Missions, $130.83; conference collection, $81.70; Religious Telescopes, 361; Miss. Telescopes, 122; Children's Friends, 390; meeting houses, 52; time employed, 290; Sabbath schools, 47; teachers, 316; scholars, 2415; collected for Sabbath school purposes, $116.34. Total for all purposes, $5,179.38.

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CHAPTER III

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE IN CIVIL WAR TIME

(1861-1865)

ACTUAL hostilities were opened April 12, 1861, when Confederate forces bombarded Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, and captured Major Anderson and sixty men who guarded the fortress. At the call of President Lincoln seventy-five thousand volunteers sprang to arms and the great Civil War had commenced. Notwithstanding the demoralizing influence of war both the ministry and laity put forth increased efforts to promote the interests of the church, and advance the cause of Christianity.

Thus while our young men and boys were marching to victory under the star spangled banner of freedom, our older men, and our women and children were triumphantly marching onward under the blood-stained banner of the Cross.

The outstanding opposition of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ to American slavery, having been set forth in our rules of Discipline as early as 1821, was incorporated in the Constitution of the Church, when it was adopted in 1841. This organic law in its original form declared that "involuntary servitude shall not be tolerated in any way." In the amended Constitution adopted in 1889, this fundamental law is stated in the following language: "We declare that human slavery is a violation of human rights, and contrary to the Word of God. It shall therefore in no wise be tolerated among us." The United Brethren Church having maintained this position for nearly a half century before the Civil War it was recognized as a strong champion of American justice and liberty. The consistency and uniformity with which United Brethren upheld these principles won the admiration of all American patriots.

REV. WILLIAM WITT

William Witt entered Indiana Conference in 1841, and was ordained in 1844. He was a charter member of White River Conference when it was founded in 1846. He was a devoted Christian and a typical United Brethren. He died November 14, 1850. A monument marks his resting place in the United Brethren cemetery, at Dublin, Indiana.

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SIXTEENTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1861)

White River Conference convened in its sixteenth annual session at Mount Pleasant Church, Delaware County, Indiana, August 15, 1861, Bishop D. Edwards presiding. After a season spent in devotional exercises conducted by J. T. Vardaman, the superintendent read the thirteenth chapter of Hebrews, upon which he made some appropriate and instructive remarks based upon its language, which begins as follows:

"Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember them that are in bonds as bound with them, and them which suffer adversity as being yourselves also in the body." In his marvelous discourse Bishop Edwards *first* treated of Brotherly Love; *second* he discoursed on Hospitality; and *third* on Sympathy with the bondsmen. It being at the beginning of the Civil War, just after the battle of Manassas Junction, Virginia, and in the midst of the response to President Lincoln's call for five hundred thousand volunteers, and in a loyal community in an annual conference that stood solidly for the emancipation of the slaves, his discourse brought forth hearty responses. The Bishop rose to such lofty heights of eloquence as never to be forgotten. The conference then proceeded to organize by electing J. T. Vardaman, chairman; and P. S. Cook and J. S. Wall, secretaries. The roll was called. Members present, thirty-eight. Absent, eighteen. Total, fifty-six. John Kiger, John Stanley, Armsted B. Tharp and David Gunckle, were admitted to the conference, and granted license to preach. Milton Wright was received on his transfer from Oregon Conference and W. B. Witt from Miami Conference. Alexander Long was granted a transfer to Miami Conference. C. W. Witt, Milton Wright and J. S. Wall, were elected presiding elders. J. B. Ervin, A. H. K. Beam and Thomas Groenendyke were ordained.

The following resolution was presented:

"*Resolved*, That we as a conference hereby express our willingness to cooperate with the Indiana Conference in the formation of a new conference, composed of a portion of the adjacent territory of each conference."

After some discussion the resolution was voted down. The tendency to increase the number of annual conferences was gradually declining. Ten years prior to that time a similar resolution pre-

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sented to a conference of like size and numbers would have been adopted without opposition. The comparative increase of salaries of pastors from 1854, when their salaries amounted to $2,082, until 1861 when pastors' salaries amounted to $3,951, was almost double. The total for all purposes in 1854 was $2,812. Total for all purposes in 1861 was $5,179 making an increase of nearly eighty-four percent in seven years.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. WILLIAM BARTON WITT, M.D.

William Barton Witt, son of Caleb W. Witt, and brother of Bennett F. Witt, entered White River Conference in 1848, and was ordained in 1850. He devoted five years to the active ministry in this conference. In 1857 he went as a missionary to West Africa. Doctor Witt's stay in Africa was unavoidably abridged, his return to America, after a year and a half of service, being necessitated by broken health, in consequence of repeated attacks of the fatal African fever. After returning to America he enlisted in the Civil War, and lost his life on a sinking raft on the Gulf of Mexico, March 13, 1864, at the age of thirty-six years. His last words were spoken in prayer and praise to God.

REV. ISAAC COLLINS

Isaac Collins was admitted to membership in Indiana Conference in 1843, and was ordained in 1846. He became a member of White River Conference at its formation in 1846. He was one of the original trustees of our First Church at Indianapolis, and was an authorized collector of funds, subscribed for the erection of our first church building in that city. The Telescope of April 12, 1849, contains a notice from the trustees in which the subscribers are directed to forward their contributions to Isaac Collins.

He was a man of high integrity and character, and wielded a great influence in the White River Conference, of which he was a charter member. He finished his good work and passed to his blessed reward April 28, 1885.

REV. MATTHIAS M. HOOK

Matthias M. Hook entered Indiana Conference in 1843, and was ordained by Bishop William Hanby in 1846. He became a charter member of White River Conference when it was founded in 1846. His active itinerant service continued eight years, of which one year was spent as presiding elder. He was secretary of White River Conference for four years.

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BISHOP EDWARDS ON WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE *

A very excellent session of the above named conference closed Monday night, August 19. There were marked indications of the divine presence every day, both in the business sessions, and the public congregation. The hearts of the preachers seemed melted, and more than ever united in true Christian affection. The Sabbath was a good day, a heavenly atmosphere pervaded the assembly in the morning meeting, and at ten o'clock a large audience heard with profit and delight an eloquent sermon by Bishop Markwood. God grant that the thoughts presented on that occasion, concerning the importance of preaching Christ, may long be remembered by the ministers who were present. Notwithstanding the great money pressure, and the falling off of the salaries of the preachers, they seemed cheerful, and resolved to reconsecrate themselves in the work of saving souls. They adopted measures to promote the missionary cause, which they hope will be more efficient than the former plan. The plan provides for soliciting and collecting agents appointed in every class, early in the year, who are to report quarterly to the preacher in charge. But that which most cheered my heart was the good character borne by the preachers generally. I have seldom known a body of men of the same number, possessing such untarnished reputations for Christian morality. This is no flattery; I have known them well for twelve years, and know what I say. The spirit of entire consecration to God as a qualification for the work of the ministry, is evidently on the increase in this body.

In the love-feast quite a number of growing ministers expressed an unusual hungering and thirsting for righteousness. The electrical effect produced by such experiences upon the members of conference generally, showed the deep sympathy which exists in their hearts on this point. It brought definitely to my mind the great revival upon this subject fifteen years ago. That was a gracious season, which passed like a great wave of salvation over the church. Since then there has been an apparent ebb of the tide. But may we not hope that the time is near when another great wave, more glorious and lasting in its results than the former, is about to rise upon our Zion. For this let every friend of holiness pray, and I verily believe we shall be visited again by a gracious revival in the church.

Dayton, Ohio, August 21, 1861. (Signed) D. Edwards.

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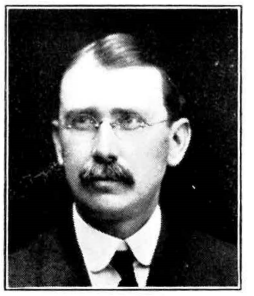

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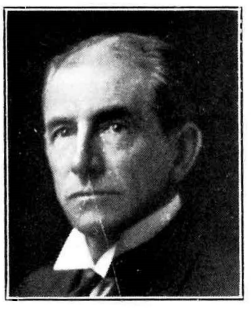

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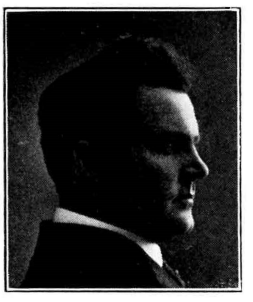

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MEMBERS OF THE WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. WILLIAM S. STUART

William S. Stuart entered Indiana Conference in 1836, in a class with Wiley Jones, and Elias Robertson, all of whom gave themselves at once to the unreserved itinerancy, and became efficient laborers. William S. Stuart, in company with these brethren, was ordained in 1839. At the organization of White River Conference in 1846, Brother Stuart identified himself with this conference. He gave twelve years to the active ministry of which five years was spent in the presiding eldership, all in Indiana Conference.

REV. SILAS ANDREWS

Silas Andrews entered Indiana Conference in 1837. When White River Conference was organized he identified himself with it, and was one of the charter members of this conference. His first appointment was the Flat Rock Circuit. Brother Andrews gave six years to the active ministry. As a charter member of Andersonville Church he was one of its real promoters. The happiest day of his life came in November, 1870, when he passed to his glorified state.

SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1862)

The session of the conference of 1862 which met at Sugar Grove Church near Greensfork, Wayne County, Indiana, commenced August 13, Bishop D. Edwards presiding. J. T. Vardaman was elected chairman and Milton Wright, secretary.

The following members were present: Caleb W. Witt, James S. Wall, Milton Wright, John T. Vardaman, George Muth, William Nichols, B. F. Morgan, H. K. Muth, Andrew Elliott Evans, Thomas Evans, B. R. B. Holcom, J. Kiger, A. R. Day, D. O. Farrell, David Gunckel, J. Stanley, J. E. Rutherford, Joseph Myers, Peter S. Cook, Cyrus Smith, J. W. Barnes, William C. Ketner, T. G. Price, Daniel Stover, Anselm Butler, J. M. Cook, J. Gibson, Irvin Cox, William Wright, A. B. Tharp, William A. Davenport, T. Groenendyke, William Barton Witt, Halleck Floyd, J. B. Ervin, H. C. Miller, J. Fohl. Total present, thirty-seven.

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Members absent: William Hall, A. H. K. Beam, S. Harris, Harday Wray, Isaac Collins, John Morgan, Silas Andrews, W. H. Kendrick, Amos Hanway, D. Shuck, Alfred King, S. Kurtz, John Slonecker, J. B. Tennell, Jacob H. Stover, Joseph A. Ball, J. K. Lawrence, M. M. Hook, A. S. Meeks, Herbert C. Pearce, A. Carroll, Robert B. Beaty, S. Purtee. Total absent, twenty-three. Total conference membership, sixty.

Among the absentees, whose name appears on the roll at this conference is that of Robert B. Beaty, a young minister who had entered the conference in 1859, three years prior to this session. He had served those years in the pastorate. The year commencing in 1859 he had served as the Junior preacher on Greenwood Circuit. In 1860 he had been appointed to Bloomingsport Mission which he served one year as preacher in charge, and in 1861 he had been appointed to Salamonie Circuit where he preached one year. About two weeks before this conference convened, Robert Beaty had enlisted in the volunteer service of his country, and on the first Sunday in August, 1862, he preached his farewell sermon to his congregation at Salamonie Center, near Warren, Huntington County, Indiana. The symbol of his enlistment, pinned on the lapel of his Prince Albert coat, was three ribbons, one each of red, white and blue. About thirty of the volunteers who had responded to President Lincoln's July call for 300,000 more troops, were present at Brother Beaty's farewell service that day, all wearing the tri-color ribbons, several of whom were sons of his parishioners, one David Eubank was the son of the class leader, the loyal Joseph Eubank. But a great majority of the boys who attended that service were not Christians, several of them went through the war, returned home, were converted at that altar, and there joined the United Brethren Church. Although a lad of only thirteen summers, I was greatly impressed with what I saw, and heard at that farewell service. The sermon blazed with patriotism, the enthusiasm ran high, and a tremendous wave of patriotic fervor swept over the audience, and filled the people's hearts and became an abiding quality of their national character. When the Seventy-fifth Regiment of the Indiana Infantry was mustered in at Wabash, Indiana, during this historic session of the White River Conference, Rev. Robert B. Beaty was honored by his comrades in being chosen Second Lieutenant of Company E, 75th Regiment, in which position he served with valor at Hoover's Gap, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, and other

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battles in the Civil War. He continued in the service about eighteen months when on account of failing health he resigned and returned home to recuperate.

William J. Pruner, W. H. Hook, A. Partee, S. More Surface, Arthur Rector, Thomas Bell, and James H. Bell were received into the conference. Milton Wright, J. S. Wall, and D. O. Farrell were elected presiding elders; J. M. Cook and Irvin Cox were ordained.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, We believe the present Rebellion, which threatens the life of our National government, to be wicked, unnatural and unprovoked, and that it is to all intents and purposes a Slaveholders' Rebellion; therefore,

Resolved, First, That we as ministers of the White River Annual Conference feel ourselves called upon by the State of our National government to give its interests our most hearty sympathy, and cordial support in subduing those who seek the ruin of the best civil government on earth.

Second, That while we rejoice in the great progress of anti-slavery sentiment throughout the loyal states, we deeply deplore before God, the powerful pro-slavery sympathy, and tendencies, which are still manifested among the people and regard it as a duty of all Christians to continue to labor, and pray for the deliverance of all the oppressed and for the proclamation of liberty throughout the land to all the inhabitants thereof.

REV. F. M. DEMUNBRUN

Felix M. DeMunbrun entered Indiana Conference in 1867, and was ordained in 1871. He came to the White River Conference by transfer, in 1873. He spent about thirty years in the active itinerancy, divided equally between the two conferences. He served Indiana Conference five years as presiding elder, and as its delegate to the General Conference of 1893. He was a soldier in the Civil War serving in a Kentucky regiment in the Union Army. A suitable monument is erected at his tomb in the cemetery at Dublin, Indiana.

REVIVAL ON THE EMMETTSVILLE MISSION

Rev. David Gunckel forwarded the following account to the Telescope, November 30, 1861, in regard to revivals on his charge. He said, "I commenced a protracted meeting at Fairview, Randolph County, Indiana, on the Emmettsville Mission. Brothers Thomas

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Evans, Milo L. Bailey, and Milton R. Harris, came to my assistance fully imbued with the spirit of Christ. There were eighteen accessions to the church and twenty-five professed to have full pardon of their sins. Truly God's spirit was with us. To hear the shouts of new-born souls, was truly cheering to every saint of God. From Fairview I went to Powell's schoolhouse on this mission, and commenced my quarterly meeting. Brother James S. Wall, the presiding elder, met us there in the Spirit and preached with the Spirit's power. Our labors were blessed with four conversions, and five accessions to the church."

Greensfork, Indiana, November 30, 1861.

(Signed) David Gunckel.

EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1863)

White River Conference convened in its eighteenth session at Xenia, Miami County, Indiana, August 13-17, 1863, Bishop David Edwards presiding. J. T. Vardaman was elected chairman, and Milton Wright, secretary. Members present, forty-six. Absent, twenty-two. Total, sixty-eight. John Cranor and J. B. Postlethwait were admitted to the conference. L. W. Matthews was received on transfer from Virginia Conference. Samuel Harris withdrew from the conference. David O. Farrell, Milton Wright, and John T. Vardaman were elected presiding elders. W. H. Hook died during the year.

In speaking of memorial services the conference in its early history used the term "funeral services," so at the death of Rev. W. H. Hook, which occurred just preceding this conference the phraseology relative to such service read as follows: It was determined that the funeral of William H. Hook be preached this evening, (August 14) at "candle lighting," which meant the time of evening when it became dark.

The following resolutions on Sabbath schools were adopted by the annual conference:

Whereas, The hope of the church is in the rising generation for its future usefulness and success; therefore,

Resolved, 1, That this conference require of each minister that he use his best efforts to increase the number of scholars in attendance at our Sabbath schools.

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Resolved, 2, That ministers should urge upon parents, the importance of attending personally at the Sabbath school.

Resolutions on Education were adopted as follows:

Whereas, There appears to exist an unholy combination of self-styled "Liberal Christians," and outspoken infidels, the former endeavoring to bring into disrepute the Mosaic account of the creation, the latter whose boast has ever been that revealed religion could not stand the test of learned criticism, thus deterring many good meaning people from favoring educational enterprises or directly availing themselves of the advantages of scientific investigation; therefore,

Resolved, 1, That we believe the Bible in the hands of earnest faithful, and intelligent men is sufficient of itself to combat all heresies in the church, but that the infidel be met by men of understanding on his own ground, believing as we do that the evidence is sufficient in nature to refute the fallacies of skepticism.

Resolved, 2, That the results attending the efforts of the friends of education in our own Church are highly gratifying, and that we hereby pledge ourselves anew, to continued exertions for the Hartsville University, which has improved the mental condition of over four hundred and fifty students in the last four years, and given to the church forty ministers, most of whom are now laboring efficiently in the cause of Christ.

A HERO OF TWO GREAT WARS

REV. GEORGE MUTH

George Muth was born in Germany in 1799. He was a soldier under General Blucher, and participated in the Battle of Waterloo, June 18, 1815, in which the English, Dutch and German allies led on by General Wellington and reenforced by General Blucher with his Prussian army defeated Napoleon Bonaparte with his French army, and crushed his great military power. Brother Muth, shortly after coming to America, was happily converted at a camp-meeting, and joined the United Brethren Church. He entered Indiana Conference in 1832, and was ordained in 1838. He became a charter member of White River Conference in 1846. He often swam his horse across Blue River to reach his appointments, crossing several times at the peril of his life. In 1863, at the age of sixty-four he obtained a release from his pulpit and accepted a commission as

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captain of a Company of an Indiana regiment in which he gave valiant service for two years in the Civil War. Brother Muth spent sixteen years in the active ministry of which two years was given to the presiding elders' office. He served five years as secretary of conference and was delegate to the General Conference of 1857. He erected the Carrollton Church in 1882 at a cost of $1500. The author of this book is indebted to him for a liberal cash contribution at the dedication of First Church, Indianapolis, during his pastorate March 5, 1882. Brother Muth was called to his crown of glory August 9, 1883.

NINETEENTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1864)

This conference met at Hartsville, Indiana, August 17, 1864, in joint session with Indiana Conference, Bishop Edwards presiding. Daniel Stover was elected chairman and S. M. Surface, secretary. Members present, thirty-nine. Absent, thirty-four. Total, seventy-three.

Milton R. Harris, Simon B. Ervin, C. W. Smith and Wiley Vickers were received into the conference. J. R. Burkert was received on his transfer from Pennsylvania Conference, and H. Ehrhart from the Iowa Conference. T. G. Price had withdrawn from the church under charges. William Barton Witt had died during the year. Daniel Stover, Cyrus Smith, and A. E. Evans were elected presiding elders. W. A. Davenport, Armsted B. Tharp and John Stanley were ordained. J. W. Barnes had withdrawn from the church.

The sympathetic spirit of the United Brethren Church was touched when the news was conveyed to the North that Dr. William Barton Witt, a surgeon in the United States Army, who had seen eighteen months service in Africa in 1857, and 1858 as a missionary, and who had been in the service of his country as an officer in the Civil War was unexpectedly drowned while in the discharge of duty upon a sinking raft on the Gulf of Mexico in 1864. At the memorial service held in respect to the loyal and consecrated preacher, soldier, who had laid down his life on the altar of his country, the White River Conference adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That W. B. Witt, now gone from labor to reward, lived in our affectionate confidence while he lived, and we rejoice to hear that as he was sinking into a watery grave in Texas he felt in his soul

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such glory, that he shouted so as to be distinctly heard above the roaring of the flood, joyously exclaiming, "Glory to God."

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. J. R. BROWN

John R. Brown was born April 21, 1825. He entered White River Conference at its session in October, 1848, and was ordained in 1851. After serving nine years in the pastorate in 1857 he transferred to Miami Conference in which he held membership twelve years. In 1865 he returned to White River Conference where he held membership until 1873, when he transferred to St. Joseph Conference. He continued in St. Joseph Conference until 1889, when he returned to White River Conference to remain. While John R. Brown was engaged in the active ministry of Miami Conference, he was commissioned Chaplain of an Ohio Regiment which position he held during the Civil War. He gave forty years to the active ministry of which two years was employed in the presiding eldership of St. Joseph Conference. He was a delegate from St. Joseph Conference to the General Conference of 1885. His death occurred December 27, 1898.

REV. J. F. REYNOLDS

James F. Reynolds was born in Wayne County, Indiana, November 12, 1846. He was converted at the age of sixteen years and became a member of the United Brethren Church. In November, 1863, when he was seventeen years old he enlisted in the Union army and was attached to an Indiana regiment giving over two years of loyal service to his country. He was so severely wounded that the normal use of his right elbow was never fully restored, but it continued to be an enduring badge of honor through life. He entered White River Conference in 1889 and was ordained in 1892. He gave sixteen years to the active ministry, all of which was in the pastorate. He served seventeen years as treasurer of the conference Preachers' Aid Society. He passed to his heavenly reward May 16, 1925.

TWENTIETH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

The conference of 1865 met at Blue River Chapel, Shelby County, Indiana, August 17, Bishop Jonathan Weaver presiding. D. Stover was elected chairman, and M. M. Hook, secretary. Forty-seven members were present and twenty-three absent. John A. Bailey,

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Milo L. Bailey, Cyrus J. Burkert, and G. H. Byrd, applicants, were received into the conference. John R. Brown was received on his transfer from Miami Conference. John Gibson was expelled from the conference. Cyrus J. Burkert was granted a transfer to Miami Conference. Daniel Stover, Cyrus Smith and Amos Hanway were elected presiding elders. Robert B. Beaty, William J. Pruner and S. More Surface were ordained. At this conference New Britton Circuit was constituted of Bethlehem, New Britton and Stony Creek (near Noblesville). The appointments on Fall Creek and Sugar Creek Circuits were united to constitute Middletown Circuit.

Resolutions on Moral Reform were adopted, as follows:

Resolved, First, That we the members of White River Conference will use our influence both in public and private to suppress the manufacture, vending, and use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Resolved, Second, That we deem the common use of alcoholic preparations as medical agents, improper and dangerous, and that these should be used only when actually necessary.

Resolved, Third, That we will more than ever, use our influence both publicly and privately to convince the public mind of the importance of a strict observance of the Sabbath.

The following resolutions were adopted on

THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY

Whereas, The stupendous and wicked rebellion which has been desolating and wasting our country has been crushed and our armies have been victorious, and *Whereas,* There still exists many difficulties in the reconstruction of government, and the establishment of free institutions as the base of a general peace, and *Whereas,* The nation's heart has been made to bleed, and thousands of noble lives have been sacrificed upon our country's altar, therefore,

Resolved, 1, That we feel grateful to the disposer of all good for the return of peace, and that we implore the Divine blessing upon our Chief Magistrate, and officers of government in the reestablishment of the same.

Resolved, 2, That we deeply sympathize with the bereaved in their loss of friends, and that we remember them in our prayers at a throne of grace.

Resolved, 3, That in the reconstruction of the country we are in favor of negro suffrage.

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PATRIOT, PREACHER AND PRINCE CROWNED KING

REV. WILLIAM GOSSETT

William Gossett was born in Henry County, Indiana, March 7, 1843. He was converted in his eleventh year in the month of December, 1853. He joined the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in the spring of 1854. He went to Sabbath school and took much interest in the church.

When Abraham Lincoln issued his first call for volunteers, Brother Gossett, then a boy of eighteen years, was among the first to offer his life in the defense of his country. He enlisted on the 18th day of April, 1861, just four days after President Lincoln issued the celebrated proclamation calling for seventy-five thousand volunteers. He was mustered in as a private soldier in Company B, Eighth Indiana Infantry. He was in the Battle of Rich Mountain, West Virginia, the first great battle of the Civil War. He was slightly wounded in the battle, but kept his place in the ranks, although the blood was dropping from his wound. After being discharged at the expiration of his enlistment, he reenlisted in Company E, Eighth Regiment, Indiana Infantry, August 13, 1862, for a term of three years. He participated in the following battles: The Campaign of Vicksburg, May 10, 1863; Champion Hills, May 16, 1863; Black River Bridge, May 17, 1863; Siege of Vicksburg, from May 19, to July 4, 1863, where he was again wounded; Siege of Jackson, July 9 to 16, 1863; Mustang Island, Texas, November 17, 1863; Fort Esparanze, Texas, November 27, 1863. In June, 1864, he reenlisted as a veteran after which he served with General Sheridan in the Shenandoah Campaign at Berrysville, Opequan, Virginia, September 19, 1864, where he was again wounded. He was then transferred to Savannah, Georgia. He had traveled nineteen thousand miles of which five thousand miles was on foot. He was honorably discharged from the service September 7, 1865. William Gossett was married to Ruth A. Warnock, August 19, 1866, who died March 16, 1919. Nine children were born to this union, of whom four survived the parents. He married Emma Johnson, August 20, 1920, who survived him.

William Gossett entered White River Conference in 1875, and was ordained an elder in the church at Hartsville, Indiana, August 22, 1880. He entered the itinerant ministry in 1876, giving twenty-four years to the active service, retiring in 1900 on account of physical disability. He served two years as presiding elder of Marion Dis-

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trict. He was elected first alternate delegate to the General Conference of 1897 and when he was notified that one of the delegates who had been elected could not go, he immediately informed the second alternate, and insisted that he should take the place for the reason that he considered him better qualified to serve on committees and deliver speeches than himself. In this age of place-seeking it is comforting to meet one so brotherly and unselfish. During his ministry he received sixteen hundred members into the church. He was a great singer, having composed some songs of real merit. His sermons belong to the class designated as expository and evangelistic. As a revivalist and soul winner he occupied a prominent place. He organized the following churches: Union Church, Noblesville Circuit, Hamilton County; Hartford City, and Pleasant Dale Churches, Blackford County; Sugar Grove and Jackson Churches, Hancock County, and Mount Gilead Church, Madison County. He was a great and good man. God called this patriot preacher and prince of Israel, June 19, 1923, and in the closing hours of that delightful day, surrounded by loved ones at his home in Marion, Indiana, his happy spirit took its flight to the realms of glory, where he "was made a king and priest unto God and his Father forever."

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

ISAIAH SHARRETT

Isaiah Sharrett was born in Miamisburg, Ohio, April 12, 1841, and came to Mendon, Madison County, Indiana, in 1852. Mr. Sharrett enlisted in Company K, Eighth Regiment, Indiana Infantry Volunteers, August 20, 1861, to serve three years. He was discharged December 31, 1863. On account of his previous service he became a veteran and on January 1, 1864, he reenlisted in the same company and regiment. After serving four years and eight days he was honorably discharged, August 28, 1865. It will be observed that he was in the same regiment in which William Gossett served. In the autumn of 1876, Rev. William Gossett received Isaiah Sharrett into our church at White Chapel, Madison County, Indiana, where he held membership until 1910 when he transferred to Pendleton Church where he is still a loyal and honored member.

REV. GEORGE RUBUSH

George Rubush entered Indiana Conference in 1838, and was ordained in 1843. He gave seven years to the active ministry of

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which one year was spent in the office of presiding elder. He belonged to the older type of United Brethren, and was a forceful and earnest pioneer preacher. His sincere personality was an important factor in building up our Zion. He was one of the charter members of White River Conference, and contributed greatly toward the upbuilding of our church in central Indiana. His work is finished and his crown is won.

REV. L. W. MATTHEWS

L. W. Matthews was licensed to preach in 1850. He spent his early ministry in Virginia Conference, and the closing years of his itinerancy in the White River Conference. He gave about fifteen years to the active work. He was a man of strong convictions, and an impressive personality. He passed to his eternal reward December 5, 1882.

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CHAPTER IV

PERIOD OF NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION

(1865-1870)

ONE of the leading problems remaining after the Civil War was the reconstruction of the government of the States, which had seceded. President Lincoln had proceeded upon the theory that nothing more was necessary than that a sufficient number of citizens should form a State Government of which the officials were loyally desirous of maintaining constitutional relations with the Government of the Union. The separation of West Virginia from Virginia had been accomplished by a Virginian Legislature so constituted. President Johnson proceeded upon the same theory. In Congress other theories were suggested, some even going so far as to hold that the seceding States had ceased to exist as States, and constituted a territory respecting which Congress was at liberty to make such arrangements as it chose. The view generally upheld by Congress was that the Southern States could be re-admitted only on such terms as Congress should impose. Its maintenance of this view was largely owing to its belief that the substantial results of the war in respect to the enfranchisement and civil rights of the negro could not be secured in any other way because of the reluctance of some Southern Legislatures to accept these results.

Before the meeting of Congress in December, 1865, President Johnson had reorganized provisional governments in all the Southern States, but one, on their accepting the Thirteenth Amendment. But Congress proposed the Fourteenth Amendment, and insisted on its acceptance as a pre-requisite to readmission of any state.

In 1867 Congress passed the Reconstruction Act, which divided the South into five military Districts under the command of generals of the army, who were to effect a registration of voters, including negroes, and excluding those disqualified by the Fourteenth Amendment. These voters should elect a convention, which should make a constitution, ratified by them. It should then be submitted to Congress, and if it was acceptable to Congress, the State should be reinstated whenever its Legislature had ratified the Fourteenth Amendment. Under this act Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, North and South Carolina, were readmitted. Tennessee had already

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been readmitted by Congress in 1866. Georgia, Mississippi, Texas, and Virginia were not readmitted until 1870. In 1868 the Supreme Court in the case of Texas against White, sustained the Congressional as against the Presidential theory of reconstruction.

Thus the perplexing problem of the reconstruction of the seceding States was finally solved. This was followed by a period of prosperity that contributed largely to our national progress.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

REV. CALEB W. WITT

Caleb W. Witt was born in 1807, and died September 22, 1880, aged 73 years. He was licensed to preach by Indiana Conference in 1841, and ordained in 1844. He became a member of White River Conference at its organization. He spent ten years in the itinerant ministry, one of which he served as presiding elder. He was elected trustee of the Publishing House in 1853, and served in that capacity until 1861, a period of eight years. His holy aspirations were realized when he went to his heavenly home September 22, 1880.

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1866)

White River Conference met in its twenty-first annual session at Dublin, Indiana, August 6, 1866, Bishop J. Weaver, presiding. Cyrus Smith was elected chairman, and Matthias M. Hook, secretary.

The following members were present: Cyrus Smith, Daniel Stover, Caleb W. Witt, Amos Hanway, Matthias M. Hook, Peter S. Cook, T. Groenendyke, H. Earhart, S. M. Surface, Anselm Butler, John Stanley, L. W. Matthews, Thomas Bell, J. H. Bell, G. H. Byrd, Milo L. Bailey, J. A. Bailey, Henry C. Miller, B. R. B. Holcom, Amos R. Day, William Hall, J. E. Rutherford, W. H. Kendrick, J. K. Lawrence, W. C. Ketner, M. R. Harris, John Cranor, J. B. Ervin, J. Kiger, S. B. Ervin, David Gunckel, William Nichols, Henry K. Muth, Joseph Myers, Thomas Evans, James S. Wall, William J. Pruner, B. F. Morgan, George Muth, Halleck Floyd, John T. Vardaman, Arthur Rector, Milton Wright, A. B. Tharp, Robert B. Beaty, Alexander Carroll, J. M. Cook, D. O. Farrell, L. B. Tennell, J. Burkert, John Fohl. Total present, fifty-one.

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Members absent: Hardy Wray, John Morgan, Silas Andrews, Isaac Collins, A. H. K. Beam, W. A. Davenport, Jacob H. Stover, John R. Brown, A. S. Meeks, H. C. Pearce, C. W. Smith, Samuel Kurtz, J. B. Postlethwait, John Slonecker, William Wright, A. E. Evans, A. Purtee, S. Purtee, Irvin Cox. Total absent, nineteen. Total, seventy.

Joseph A. Ball, and Wiley Vickers died during the year. Milton Wright, Peter S. Cook, and James S. Wall were elected presiding elders. Thomas Bell, John Kiger, Halleck Floyd, and Arthur Rector were ordained.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. JOHN MORGAN

John Morgan one of the fathers of White River Conference was born in Yates County, New York, April 26, 1801, and died at Andersonville, Franklin County, Indiana, August 1, 1889, aged 88 years 3 months and 6 days. He was converted in 1821. He entered Miami Conference in 1828, and was ordained an elder in 1829. He gave twenty-two years to the active itinerancy of which four years were spent as presiding elder. After his retirement from the active ministry he resided at Andersonville, Indiana. He was a man of strong personality, lived an exemplary Christian life, and wielded a great influence for good in the community where he lived. He had the distinction of being a charter member of both the Indiana and White River Conferences. His work is done. His crown is immortal.

REV. DANIEL STOVER

Daniel Stover was born October 19, 1813, in Augusta County, Virginia. He was the son of Daniel and Mary Hannah Stover, who were members of the German Reformed Church. At the age of twenty, he was converted in the Presbyterian Church. Two years later he joined the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, in which he remained a faithful, loyal member until his demise.

In 1836 he came to Indiana, and in 1838 he was licensed to preach by the Indiana Conference, which gave him his first circuit, with thirty-two appointments, three, four and eight being in a county. His first text was Second Timothy 3:12. At the beginning of the year he had fifty members, and at the end of the year he had three hundred and fifty. His salary for the year was $30.50.

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In 1841, he was ordained an elder. In 1846, his conference convened at Mount Pleasant, Bartholomew County, and was divided, the Northern territory taking the name of White River Conference. The following year, January 18, 1847, White River Conference met at Washington now Greensfork, Wayne County. At this conference he was elected presiding elder, in which relation he served fifteen years. He represented this conference at the General Conference of 1849, and 1853.

Father Stover spent thirty-five years in the active ministry, and was a recognized minister of the gospel in his denomination for sixty-four years. On July 14, 1839, he wedded Nancy McClanahan. To them two children were born, and died in infancy. His wife died October 31, 1880. On September 14, 1882, he was married to Martha A. Lannes, who remained to mourn his death. Besides her he leaves two nephews, one niece, and a host of friends. Father Stover was a self-made man. His early education was limited; but by untiring study, he became fairly well educated. It can be truthfully said, that, physically, he was a giant, and spiritually, a great tower. He was liberal with his money, making several large donations to worthy causes of his church. He gave two thousand dollars to the Missionary Society, and contributed four thousand dollars to Union Biblical Seminary.

His spirit took its flight on Thursday evening, February 6, 1902, at his home in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the ripe age of 88 years 3 months and 18 days. The last time he met with us in conference, occurred at Indianapolis, in 1899, the sainted Bishop Weaver presided. The minutes of that conference has this to say about his meeting with the Bishop of that session: "Rev. Father Stover having come into the conference room, Bishop Weaver, in a very tender and brotherly way extended to him our heartfelt greeting. The conference then sang one stanza of 'How Sweet it Will be to Meet One Another Again.' He was the last one of the charter members of White River Conference to die. This illustrious prophet of Israel having completed his great work on earth has passed on to the triumphs of eternal glory. His body peacefully sleeps in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, awaiting the resurrection of the just."

REV. AMOS HANWAY

Amos Hanway was born at Marietta, Ohio, March 16, 1816. He came with his father's family to Indianapolis in the summer of 1821. They traveled in an Olean flatboat down the Ohio River, to Evans-

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ville, thence to the mouth of the Wabash River, going up the Wabash River to Vincennes, where they spent the winter. From Vincennes they went down the Wabash to the mouth of White River, which they ascended by flatboat to Indianapolis. In boyhood Amos Hanway's days were spent largely as a fisherman, and he was considered an expert in the business. He and John Nowland, his youthful associate, is said to have spent nearly every Saturday together for ten years, which was chiefly employed in fishing. He and young Nowland attended the pioneer Sunday schools of that town. They received a great portion of their education in Bible study, in the same Sunday school. Mr. Hanway's father put the first shingle roof on a house in Indianapolis. The house stood on the bank of White River where the Kingan Pork House is located. Rev. Amos Hanway entered Indiana Conference in 1841, and was ordained in a class of seven candidates at the original session of White River Conference, held at Mount Pleasant, Bartholomew County, Indiana, on the 22d day of February, 1846.

Brother Hanway promptly entered the active itinerancy of White River Conference to which he gave a quarter of a century of effective service in the prime of his life, having previously spent five years in the active work of Indiana Conference. Amos Hanway was first elected presiding elder in 1855, and devoted eight years to that work. As a charter member of White River Conference he fully sustained the reputation of those pioneer conference founders, as an able preacher of the Gospel. It was the privilege of the author to hear Mr. Hanway preach at a quarterly meeting held at Salamonie Center, near Warren, Indiana, in April, 1866. He preached a powerful sermon. His intense utterances and stirring appeals struck conviction to scores of his hearers. Among the converts in that meeting were people of all ranks and ages in that community. The church profited by scores of accessions, a number of whom came from the most prominent families in that locality. He was a delegate from White River Conference to the General Conferences of 1857, and 1861.

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1867)

This session of conference was held at Daleville, Indiana, commencing August 7, 1867, Bishop Jonathan Weaver presiding. Matthias M. Hook was elected secretary. Forty-five preachers were present and twenty-eight were absent. Arthur True and John

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Heavenridge were admitted to the annual conference. John Fohl was granted a transfer to Pennsylvania Conference; J. B. Postlethwait to Illinois Conference, and Alfred King to any conference that he might wish to join. Milton Wright, Thomas Evans and William C. Ketner were elected presiding elders. C. W. Witt, conference missionary treasurer, submitted the following report: Collected during the year, $1,027.21; one-third paid parent board, $342.40; remaining in treasury, $684,81; remaining last year, $213.29. Total, $898.10. Paid out by order of conference, $650.25. Balance on hand, $247.85.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. JACOB H. STOVER

Jacob H. Stover was born in 1816. He entered Indiana Conference in 1839, and was ordained in 1842. He received his first appointment in 1840, being assigned to Tanner's Creek Circuit, which was located in Dearborn and adjoining counties. He performed his ministerial duties so well that he was assigned to practically the same circuit the next year. The principal difference being that the name of the charge was changed to that of Laugherty Circuit. Jacob H. Stover has the distinction of being one of the charter members of the White River Conference, where he gave twelve years in the active ministry all of which was devoted to the pastorate. He was called to his blessed reward April 30, 1877.

REV. AARON DAVIS

Aaron Davis entered Indiana Conference in 1832, and was ordained in 1835. His first assignment was Rockford Circuit, where he endured the hardships and discharged the duties of a consecrated pioneer preacher. After devoting twelve years to the itinerant ministry of Indiana Conference, he transferred to White River Conference in 1852, in which he spent nineteen years in the itinerant ministry, of which seventeen years was given to the pastorate, and two years to the presiding eldership. He passed through a great sorrow in the tragic death of his son Joseph, who was a martyr to the cause of temperance. Yet Father Davis maintained his firm faith in God, and continued to carry on the good work of his divine Master, until he was called to his high honors in the kingdom of Glory. He answered this call January 1, 1881.

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TWENTY-THIRD SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1868)

The conference of 1868 met at Hartsville, Indiana, on the twelfth day of August, Bishop Weaver, presiding. J. T. Vardaman was chosen chairman and W. J. Pruner, secretary. Forty-nine ministers were present and twenty-three absent. William Fix, Monroe Groenendyke and Lewis W. Crawford were received into the conference. Obadiah Jennings was received on his transfer from Western Reserve Conference. J. B. Ervin was reinstated to his former standing. Charges having been preferred against C. W. Smith for joining the Odd Fellows, according to his request he was granted a withdrawal from the conference and the church. The name of A. S. Meeks was erased from the roll, he having withdrawn from the church. Joseph Myers was granted a transfer to St. Joseph Conference. D. O. Farrell and Henry K. Muth were each granted transfers. Amos Hanway and W. H. Kendrick were each granted transfers. M. M. Hook and William Nichols received certificates of dismissal from the conference and the church. James S. Wall, A. E. Evans and William C. Ketner were elected presiding elders. Milo L. Bailey and Simon B. Ervin were ordained.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. JOHN SLONECKER

John Slonecker entered Indiana Conference in 1841, and was ordained in 1849. He was a typical United Brethren preacher, a man of strong convictions, a devout Christian, with a deep religious experience. Brother Slonecker served six years as conference secretary. When White River Conference was founded in 1846, he cast his lot with this conference. After thirty-seven years in the ministry, on October 16, 1878, God sent the heavenly chariot, and took him home to Glory.

REV. ANDREW ELLIOTT EVANS

Andrew Elliott Evans, entered White River Conference in 1856, and was ordained in 1859. He at once consecrated his life to the active ministry, giving nineteen years in that field of activity, five years of which was spent in the presiding eldership. His career of loyal service came to a close September 20, 1879, when he triumphantly laid down the cross and took up the immortal crown.

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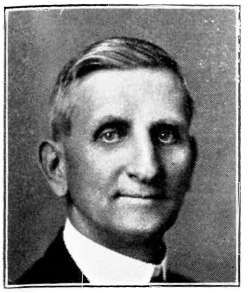

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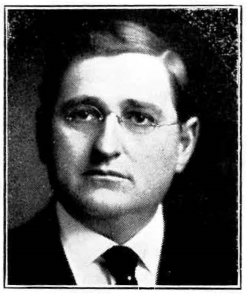

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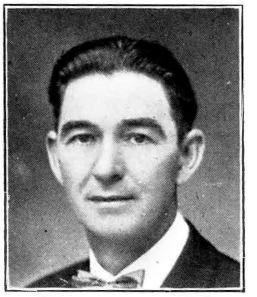

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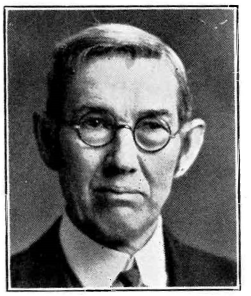

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REV. DAVID GUNCKEL

David Gunckel entered White River Conference in 1861. He at once entered the active itinerancy. Being a man of unusual evangelistic power, he had great success in soul-winning. He gave seven years to the traveling ministry. In making his report at one of the annual conferences he had over two hundred conversions and accessions to the church. On account of his success Bishop Edwards, who was in the chair, asked him this question, "Brother Gunckel, How is it that you have had so many converts this year?" Brother Gunckel replied, "Jesus Christ preaches, I exhort a little, and the Holy Spirit does the rest." On February 14, 1880, a convoy of angels came for him and triumphantly escorted him to Glory.

REV. JAMES S. WALL

James S. Wall entered Indiana Conference in 1845, and was ordained in 1848. He gave twenty-two years to the active itinerancy, of which eighteen years was given to the pastorate, and four years to the presiding eldership. He was one of the charter members of White River Conference, and acquitted himself most worthily in the great field of the Master. His record as an organizer and a church builder entitles him to an honored place in the history of the conference. His deeds of faith and love will ever be cherished by those who knew him.

REV. WILLIAM NICHOLS

William Nichols entered White River Conference in 1850, and was ordained in 1854. He devoted fifteen years to the active ministry, of which he gave one year to the office of presiding elder. His ministry was characterized by an earnest endeavor to win souls to Jesus Christ. He went forth with a God-given message, and hundreds of precious souls responded to the call and enlisted under the blood-stained banner of the cross. He holds a place among the champions of Christianity that is worthy of high commendation.

REV. T. P. JONES

T. P. Jones entered Indiana Conference in 1841, and was ordained in 1844. He gave six years to the active itinerancy. His service was rendered on some of the most important charges. He was a charter member of White River Conference, and made "full proof of his ministry," by his capable services both as a pastor and an evangelist. He is worthy of a place among those of precious memory.

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TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1869)

This session of conference convened at Sparrow Creek Chapel, Randolph County, Indiana, August 12-16, 1869, Bishop D. Edwards presiding. Daniel Stover was elected chairman, and William J. Pruner, secretary. Forty-eight members were present and twenty were absent. William C. Day, Henry Huffman, A. P. Stout, Abraham Rust and John M. Kabrich were received into the conference. B. F. Morgan and M. M. Hook were granted letters of withdrawal from the church. A. Purtee's name was erased from the roll of the conference, he having informally withdrawn from the church. J. B. Tennell was permitted to withdraw from the church. J. B. Ervin was expelled for insubordination. Arthur True was expelled from the church. J. T. Vardaman and D. Stover were elected presiding elders. These ministers were not expelled, nor they did not obtain letters of withdrawal from the church, because of their connection with secret orders, but on account of their advocacy of more liberal rules, or greater laxity in dealing with secret society members.

Drury in his church history says: "There came to be a growing tension between a minority that desired a modification or even a rescinding of the church rule on secret societies and a preponderating majority on the other side. When the General Conference, in 1869, instead of modifying that rule, made it stricter, a convention was called in Indianapolis, in June, 1869, which declared the rule impractical and injurious. At the next session of the conference, some of the participants in the convention were expelled and others withdrew. Another convention was held, and a beginning was made in organizing a 'Liberal United Brethren Church.' At the first, this consisted mainly of the disorganized church in Indianapolis, and two small country churches. The liberal organization soon went to pieces, and its following went over mainly to the Methodist Church. Blame for the defection and the breaking down of the Indianapolis congregation was placed on William Kendrick, one of the old ministers of the conference. Renewed efforts were made in Indianapolis in 1880. The policy of exclusion and repression, in connection with the secrecy rule, goes far to explain later conditions in the White River Conference and in the Church."

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. A. B. THARP

Armsted B. Tharp was born in 1820. He entered White River Conference in 1861, and was ordained in 1864. He at once entered the active itinerancy, to which he consecrated the last ten years of his life. He represented a high type of Christian character. He gave himself without reserve to his high and holy calling. His fine qualities as a pastor, and his deeply spiritual preaching won for him the admiration of all good people. January 27, 1871, his Lord said unto him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." His sacred dust sleeps in Batson Cemetery, Jackson Township, Wells County, Indiana.

REV. ANSELM BUTLER

Anselm Butler entered White River Conference in 1849, and was ordained in 1853. He served for a time as conference missionary secretary. He rendered capable service two years as assistant secretary of the conference. His noble character and holy life are enduring memorials of his gospel ministry. His death occurred in 1875.

REV. IRVIN COX

Irvin Cox was admitted to White River Conference in 1858 and was ordained in 1862. He gave eleven years to the itinerant ministry. He was a successful revivalist and won hundreds of souls to Christ. Although he owned a good home in Johnson County, he fell at his post of duty up in Howard County, nearly one hundred miles away from his home and family, where he was engaged in a revival on his charge. He passed to his crowning January 23, 1884.

Three months prior to this annual session the General Conference organized the Church Erection Society.

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1870)

This session of conference met at Washington, now Greensfork, Wayne County, Indiana, August 24, 1870, Bishop Edwards presiding. J. T. Vardaman was elected chairman and W. J. Pruner, secretary. The following ministers were present: J. T. Vardaman, Thomas Evans, A. Butler, M. L. Bailey, B. R. B. Holcom, A. R.

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Day, A. Carroll, M. R. Harris, J. Cranor, H. Floyd, W. J. Pruner, A. Rust, A. P. Stout, J. M. Kabrich, S. M. Surface, W. C. Day, William Fix, G. W. Beard, W. T. Manning, J. R. Burkert, D. Gunckel, A. Rector, J. Heavenridge, S. B. Ervin, J. M. Cook, A. E. Evans, D. Stover, L. W. Crawford, W. Groenendyke, L. W. Matthews, Samuel Kurtz, A. B. Tharp, Irvin Cox, Isaac Collins, A. H. K. Beam, H. C. Miller, H. Pearce, H. Wray, W. A. Davenport, I. N. Ware, J. A. Bailey, Milton Wright. Total present, forty-four. Members absent: Thomas Bell, J. H. Byrd, J. R. Brown, John Morgan, Silas Andrews, W. C. Ketner, J. E. Rutherford, W. Hall, O. Jennings, J. Kiger, S. Purtee, George Muth, Cyrus Smith, J. Stanley, J. K. Lawrence, Thomas Groenendyke, J. H. Stover, J. Slonecker. Total absent, eighteen. Total conference membership, sixty-two.

Isaac N. Ware, and George W. Beard were admitted to the conference. W. Z. Manning was received on his transfer from Auglaize Conference. Daniel Stover and John T. Vardaman, were elected presiding elders. J. E. Rutherford was, at his request, marked withdrawn. John Cranor was ordained.

Somewhat closely associated with this period of national reconstruction was the purchase of Russian America by the government of the United States. The price paid for this territory was seven million two hundred thousand in gold. It was generally regarded as a barren and desolate region, whose resources, if of any value whatever, could never be made available. The treasury of the United States, moreover, was in a condition in which a demand upon it for seven millions in gold was a serious matter. On the other hand, there was the feeling that the acquisition of the territory was a step towards the rounding out of dominion over the whole of North America; that an opportunity was at hand to rid the continent of one more monarchic power; and that for the first time in our history the question of expansion would certainly be free from all connection with any phase of the negro question. Very powerful also was the sense of gratitude to Russia for her uniformly friendly attitude towards the North during the Civil War. The play of these considerations in Congress and among the people at large determined the outcome in favor of the purchase. The Senate ratified the treaty April 9, 1867, with but two dissenting votes; the army took formal possession in October; and the new territory was officially christened "Alaska."

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CHAPTER V

DECADE OF UNITED BRETHRENISM

(1870-1880)

IN making a survey of this period a number of important questions claimed the attention of the church. The White River Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ made commendable progress in the decade from 1860 until 1870. By comparing the statistics it is apparent that there was an increase in all of the church interests except two. The church membership shows an increase of over fourteen percent during the past decade, while the increase in Sabbath-school attendance is over twenty-two percent, and the increase in officers and teachers amounts to forty-three percent. The pastors' salaries were increased over fourteen hundred dollars, or more than thirty-six percent. The increase in the value of church houses amounts to twelve thousand two hundred dollars, or forty-nine percent, during the decade ending in 1870.

At the very beginning of this decade it became apparent that the United Brethren Church was going in to "possess the land." In nearly a score of places church building enterprises were launched, and boards of trustees acting under the authority of their respective quarterly conferences, were making drives for funds to erect local church houses. The movement became somewhat contagious spreading over a number of counties within the boundaries of the annual conference.

In 1870 Honey Creek in Henry County, and Olive Chapel in Delaware County opened the campaign by erecting local churches. The one at Honey Creek costing eighteen hundred dollars, and the one called Olive Chapel cost fifteen hundred dollars. These enterprises were promptly followed by similar movements, one of which was at Fairview, Jay County, where a church was completed in 1870, at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars. In 1871 a substantial new frame church was erected at Warrington, Hancock County, at a cost of seventeen hundred dollars. Greensfork in Wayne County, joined with a like enterprise erecting a new brick church, the successor of the frame church where the first annual conference was held. This new brick edifice cost three thousand dollars. The church building wave struck Bellfountaine where a substantial frame

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church house was erected in 1871 at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars. Jay City caught the epidemic and erected a commodious frame edifice at a cost of seventeen hundred dollars, which was completed in the latter part of 1871.

The faithful class of United Brethren who for a period of fifteen years had worshipped at Salamonie Center, in Huntington County, erected the Zion Church, one mile east of the old location, at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars, which was dedicated in the fall of 1872. Two churches were erected in 1873, Saratoga in Randolph County, at a cost of twenty-five hundred dollars, and Otterbein Chapel, in Huntington County, at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars. The movement spread to Grant County where the substantial citizens in the northeastern part of Washington Township in 1874, erected the Union Chapel, at a cost of seventeen hundred dollars. This was followed by the erection of Mill Creek Church in Wabash County, at a cost of one thousand dollars. The people of Mount Pleasant Church in Wabash County consecrated the year 1875 to the erection of a beautiful new country church house which was dedicated in the autumn of that year by Bishop Jonathan Weaver, and christened Bethlehem Centenary Church, for which they paid two thousand seven hundred dollars. During the same year the people of Ridertown erected a new frame church on the Jay-Blackford county line, which was given the name of Bethel Church, for which they contributed sixteen hundred fifty dollars. The loyal people of Jadden, Grant County, celebrated the centenary of American Independence by erecting a new church which they named Oak Chapel, at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars, which was completed in the autumn of 1876. In 1877 the United Brethren of Collett, Jay County, erected a convenient church edifice at a cost of eighteen hundred fifty dollars. This was followed by the erection of a new United Brethren church house in 1878 at Mount Zion, Wells County, at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars. The enterprising people of Lincolnville, Wabash County, who for a score of years had worshipped in a plain frame building, launched a campaign for the erection of a splendid new brick church, which was completed in the autumn of 1879, for which they contributed the sum of four thousand dollars. At the same time the newly organized class of United Brethren of Mill Grove, Blackford County, erected a church house in that village at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars.

The consummation of this remarkable church erection decade was reached in 1880 by the erection of two substantial church houses.

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One located in the northeastern part of Shelby County, bearing the name of Otterbein Chapel, was erected during the summer of 1880, at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars. The United Brethren who for nearly three years had been worshipping at Slater's schoolhouse completed the erection of the Bethel Church, three miles west of Montpelier, at a cost of twelve hundred dollars, which was followed by the erection of an excellent brick church edifice at Pleasant Grove, Huntington County, costing twenty-five hundred dollars. In summing up the church building activities of this decade from 1870 until 1880 we find that twenty-two church edifices were erected at the cost of forty-two thousand three hundred dollars. In addition to this sum an amount of about ten thousand dollars was expended for the enlargement and improvement of church houses in White River Conference, making a total of about fifty-two thousand dollars, expended in this period of ten years, which considerably more than doubled the entire valuation of all the church houses in 1870.

Another important question claiming the attention of the church during this decade was that of the missionary enterprise. The General Conference at its meeting in May, 1853, had taken advanced steps in the adoption of a Constitution of the Home, Frontier and Foreign Missionary Society, which provided that all members of the church, by virtue of that fact were members of the missionary society. As the years advanced and the church continued to project and operate new mission fields, the church membership became more and more enlisted in this God given enterprise. The growing interest of the church in the cause of missions was demonstrated by increased contributions and the organization of local missionary societies. When William A. Cardwell entered upon his frontier missionary work in the State of Kansas, and Thomas J. Conner went to the distant field of Oregon, followed by Milton Wright, who joined Brother Conner in that work, the interest in frontier missions became widespread. When William Barton Witt went to Africa, and entered upon the activities of our Foreign field, our people in White River Conference had a new realization, and an enlarged vision of the opportunities and possibilities of the United Brethren Church.

Another question of great significance was the organization and operation of the Church Erection Society. This was the beginning of a movement for the extension of our church in unchurched communities, and the frontier fields of the Western and Southern States.

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The following name and purpose was adopted: This society shall be known as The Church Erection Society of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and is organized for the purpose of assisting congregations in locating and erecting houses of worship.

Church erection has an important relation to our denominational advance, there is perhaps no better barometer of our church progress than the increase of our holdings in church property. The Church Erection Society has had an existence of fifty-six years, and its assets at the present time amount to $702,130. From the time of its organization the Church Erection Society and the Home Missionary Society of our church have worked hand in hand in establishing hundreds of churches, many of which are amongst our strongest congregations. There is no doubt but what its great work has just fairly commenced. Its prospects for the future are full of promise, and as it advances onward its increased utility will be properly appreciated.

The General Conference of 1869 took steps to found a theological seminary, which led to the establishment of Union Biblical Seminary at Dayton, Ohio, in 1871, which was founded for the purpose of training ministers and missionaries. Already over six hundred have graduated, and as many more have taken a partial course.

In consideration of a gift of fifty thousand dollars by John M. Bonebrake, the name of the institution was changed to that of Bonebrake Theological Seminary. A few years ago the manager and trustees purchased a tract of land in Dayton View, on which three large modern buildings have been erected as a home for the Seminary. On the ground already was a large frame dwelling suitable as a dormitory for ladies. The campus includes thirty-six acres. The new buildings were occupied first in the autumn of 1923.

The fifth question of importance, that received attention in this decade was the organization of the Women's Missionary Association. The General Conference of 1873 took into consideration the propriety of proceeding to organize such a society. The women of the Miami Conference had organized a society in their conference prior to that General Conference. The women of the White River Conference organized a branch association November 24, 1873. At a convention held at the First United Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, October 21, 1875, composed of representatives from nine annual conferences, the Women's Missionary Association was duly organized and a constitution adopted.

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In 1883, provision was made for a Young Women's Band, and in 1908 for a young women's department which took the name in 1913 of the Otterbein Guild. Gleaners' bands were first organized in 1897.

The Women's Missionary Association has established missions in Africa, China, Japan, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands, where they are supporting altogether seventy-eight missionaries. They have over one thousand local societies, and forty-three thousand two hundred members. Their receipts for the year ending April 1, 1925, amounted to one hundred and fifty-four thousand two hundred dollars.

The White River Conference branch of the Women's Missionary Association having been organized November 24, 1873, a half century of service had been rendered. The statistical report of the branch meeting held at Crawfordsville, Indiana, the last of April, 1925, shows fifty-nine local societies and twenty-nine chapters of the Otterbein Guild. The local societies have a membership of two thousand two hundred thirty-eight and the Otterbein Guild, of seven hundred fifty-one, making a total of two thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine members in both organizations. The total amount of money collected by these two societies for the current year, amounts to $5,462.

Another proposition which stands out preeminently above the ordinary affairs of the church was the organization of the White River Conference Theological Institute. Steps were taken at the annual conference of 1879 toward the organization of this institution. We copy the following item from the Minutes of that session of conference. "Announcements were made looking toward the organization of a theological institute in this conference. The Bishop offered some remarks favorable to such an organization." Accordingly a meeting was called on Saturday evening at six o'clock, August 23, 1879, at Warrington, Indiana, at which place the annual conference was in session. A committee was appointed to formulate a constitution for the proposed institute. At the call of this committee nine ministers of White River Conference met at Honey Creek, Indiana, May 21, 1880. William C. Day, chairman of the committee on the constitution, reported a form for a constitution which was adopted. His work was so well done that it has never been thought necessary to adopt a single amendment to that constitution.

The following is a list of the charter members of the White River Conference Institute, namely: John M. Kabrich, William C. Day,

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William Gossett, A. C. Wilmore, T. J. Halstead, Halleck Floyd, F. M. Moore, Montgomery Groenendyke and Curtis B. Small.

In the adoption of this constitution a foundation was laid for a school of theology which was to be controlled by a Board of Managers composed of a president, secretary, treasurer, and four directors, all of which were to be elected at the ensuing annual conference, for a term of three years. The constitution provided that the Institute should have four departments of instruction. *First*, a department of Theology. *Second*, a department of Church and Biblical History *Third*, a department of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology. *Fourth*, a department of Philosophical Investigation.

The following is copied from the White River Conference Minutes of 1880: "The committee to nominate officers and managers of the Theological Institute, made the following report which was adopted: president, Halleck Floyd; secretary, W. C. Day; treasurer, J. T. Vardaman; directors, J. M. Kabrich, F. M. Moore, W. J. Pruner and D. E. Myers. This institute has had an existence of forty-five years, the following ministers have served as president, 1880, J. M. Kabrich; 1882, W. C. Day; 1884, H. Floyd, two years; 1886, I. M. Tharp, three years; 1889, Augustus C. Wilmore, sixteen years; 1905, James E. Shannon, fifteen years; 1920, William L. Waldo, three years; 1923, James B. Parsons, three years. Over two hundred preacher students have attended this institute, and fifty-four students have graduated.

TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1871)

This session of conference met at Range Line Chapel, near Lincolnville, Indiana, August 23, 1871, Bishop D. Edwards, presiding. J. T. Vardaman was elected chairman and W. C. Day, secretary. Forty-four members were present, and sixteen absent. M. M. Conklin was admitted to the conference. Armsted B. Tharp, Silas Andrews, and John R. Burkert died during the year. The conference provided for the printing of one thousand copies of the Minutes. Simon B. Ervin and A. E. Evans were elected presiding elders.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. P. S. COOK

Peter Simmons Cook entered White River Conference in 1856 and was ordained in 1859. He gave twelve years to the active

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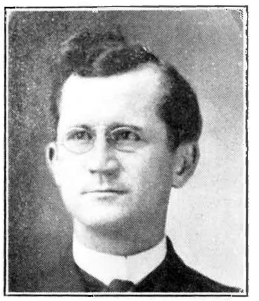
Roy H. Turley



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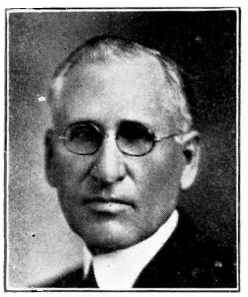

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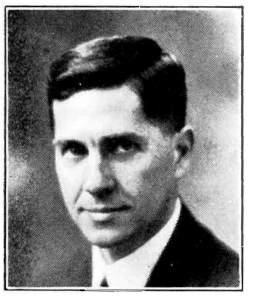

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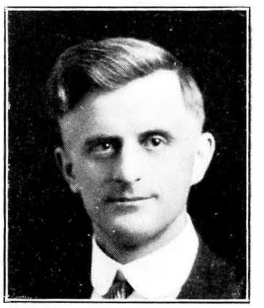

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ministry, one year of which he served in the office of presiding elder. He served three years as secretary of the conference. He was a preacher of ability, and a capable promoter and organizer of churches. His work in the city of New Castle in building up that church will stand as an enduring monument to his name. His body rests in the United Brethren Cemetery at Dublin, Indiana.

REV. D. O. FARRELL

David O. Farrell was transferred to White River Conference from Pennsylvania in 1854. He spent sixteen years in the ministry of White River Conference of which ten years was given to the pastorate, and six years to the presiding eldership. He represented White River Conference in the General Conference of 1861. He was well qualified for his work rendering good satisfaction as a pastor and receiving general commendation as a presiding elder. His life work is ended, and his trusting spirit has passed to the realms of bliss.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE (1872)

The conference of 1872 met at Hartsville, Indiana, August 14, Bishop Edwards presiding. John T. Vardaman was elected chairman and William C. Day secretary. Forty-one preachers were present and twenty absent. Elias Bowman, John B. Thornburg, Benjamin F. Ham and Jacob Williams, were received into the conference.

The committee appointed to examine the old Conference Journal, or Record Number One, reported that the Journal was in perfect condition. Andrew Elliott Evans, and Thomas Evans were elected presiding elders, both of these ministers were brothers in the flesh as well as in the gospel ministry, and were to be complimented on having been chosen as leaders of this annual conference. During this decade the salaries of the presiding elders received a material increase, having been doubled during this period. William Fix was ordained at this session.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. JEREMIAH PERKINS

Jeremiah Perkins entered Indiana Conference in 1839, and was ordained in 1842. In 1846 at its organization he became a charter

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member of White River Conference. He gave himself unsparingly to the difficult work of a pioneer preacher, serving a number of the hardest fields in the conference, having given fourteen years to the active ministry. His toil is ended and he has entered into rest.

REV. JOHN SMITH

John Smith entered Indiana Conference in 1839, and was ordained in 1842. He devoted eighteen years to the active ministry, all of which was spent in the pastorate. He was transferred from Indiana Conference to the White River Conference in 1849, and his years of activity were marked with a large measure of success. Some of the local churches which he organized are still active. Having ended his labors on earth he passed on, to that city whose maker and builder is God.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE (1873)

This conference met at Dublin, Indiana, August 14, 1873, Bishop John Dickson, presiding. Fifty-five preachers were present, and thirteen absent. J. T. Vardaman was elected chairman, and W. C. Day, secretary. Francis M. Moore, J. W. Atkinson, Jacob Beck. Thomas J. Halstead, Charles R. Paddock, Z. T. Halstead, and S. Y, Miller were admitted to the conference. S. M. Surface withdrew from the conference. John R. Brown was granted a transfer to St. Joseph Conference. A. P. Stout was recorded as having withdrawn from the church. Thomas Evans, A. E. Evans and Halleck Floyd were elected presiding elders. Monroe Groenendyke, and Isaac N. Ware were ordained.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. JOSEPH MANNING

Joseph Manning entered Indiana Conference in 1846, and identified himself with the newly organized White River Conference, by which he was ordained in 1848. He spent four years in the active itinerancy of these conferences, and in 1852 he was transferred to the Wabash Conference, where he gave six years to the active ministry of which two years was in the presiding eldership. His faithful services have long since been rewarded, with a crown of life.

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REV. CHARLES McCARTY

Charles McCarty entered Indiana Conference in 1842, and was ordained in 1844. He gave six years to the active ministry. When the White River Conference was organized in 1846, he became one of its charter members. His stirring appeals to perishing men and women have been the means of arousing them from the slumber of sin, and often resulted in the joyful conversion of the anxious inquirers.

REV. AMOS R. DAY

Amos R. Day, entered White River Conference in 1847, and was ordained in 1849. He was one of the charter members of White River Conference and gave thirteen years to the active ministry. He was a successful pastor, and a qualified man in business affairs. On the eleventh day of October, 1886, he passed to his eternal reward.

REV. J. J. PERRETT

Joseph J. Perrett, entered White River Conference in 1847. He was one of the charter members of the conference. He gave five years to the active ministry in this conference. In 1854, he was granted a transfer to any conference he desired to unite with. He held the esteem of all his brethren, and enjoyed the confidence of the people wherever he went. His memory is honored by those who knew him.

REV. B. R. B. HOLCOM

Benjamin R. B. Holcom entered White River Conference in 1850, and was ordained in 1856. He consecrated twenty years to the active itinerancy. He was an able preacher of the gospel. He possessed an unusually strong voice, and delivered his sermons in a dramatic manner. His devotion to his church and his familiarity with the Holy Scriptures won him the commendation of the people.

TWENTY-NINTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1874)

September 10, 1874, White River Conference met at Daleville, Indiana, Bishop John Dickson presiding. J. T. Vardaman was elected chairman and W. C. Day, secretary. William E. Mosier, Zedekiah McNew, William A. Oler, Samuel Kem, and Sylvester Bias, applicants, were admitted to the annual conference. The first woman to present herself to White River Conference seeking admission to its membership appeared as an applicant, by the

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recommendation of her quarterly conference, in the person of Mrs. Anna Bailey. After recommending the five brethren the committee on applicants, submitted the following report in the case of Sister Bailey.

"We recommend that Sister Anna Bailey receive the following commendation: To all Whom it May Concern: This is to certify that Anna Bailey is a worthy, and acceptable preacher of the gospel of Christ, and we hereby recommend her as such so long as her life and conduct accord with the same."

Signed by order of the White River Conference of the United Brethren in Christ. C. W. Witt, M. Wright, W. Hall, *Committee.*

The conference proceeded to adopt plans preparatory to the celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary, of the existence of the United Brethren Church, by providing for the raising of a "Centenary Offering." George Muth was chosen as conference Centenary treasurer. Simon B. Ervin, Halleck Floyd, and John T. Vardaman were elected presiding elders.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. J. T. VARDAMAN

John T. Vardaman, was born in Fayette County, Indiana, November 27, 1815. He entered Indiana Conference in 1841, and was ordained in 1846. He was a charter member of the White River Conference. He at once consecrated his life to the active itinerancy, continuing therein a period of forty years, fourteen years of which he served as presiding elder. He was a delegate from White River Conference to the General Conferences of 1853, 1857, 1861, 1865, 1869, 1873, and 1881, making a total of seven General Conferences. He represented Randolph County, in the Indiana House of Representatives, the term of 1870-1872. His ability was recognized in his appointment to some of the most important committees.

Father Vardaman was a powerful preacher. His clear theological demonstration, and profound thought often towered to sublime heights in his flights of eloquence. As a speaker on the floor of the conference he had few equals. As a debater he possessed rare tact and signal ability, and by a resistless logic and matchless oratory he captivated his audience, and almost always carried the measures he advocated. Prominent professional and business men, even today, of Richmond, New Castle, and Winchester, indicate their

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appraisal of his ability, by expressing their opinion that he was the greatest preacher of the gospel to which they ever listened. He was truly a man of God. His kind manner, loving disposition and courteous conduct were prominent features of his character. He gave evidence of a deep spirituality, and intense piety, and a constant longing for the salvation of souls. This modern prophet and apostle could truly say with Saint Paul "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day." A splendid granite monument is erected at his tomb in Sugar Grove cemetery near Greensfork, Wayne County, Indiana. It bears the following inscription, "Rev. J. T. Vardaman, died July 28, 1884. Aged 68 years 8 months and 1 day. In heaven thy labors are rewarded."

THIRTIETH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1875)

White River Conference met in its thirtieth session at Williamsburg, Indiana, August 18, 1875, Bishop John Dickson presiding. D. Stover was elected chairman, and W. C. Day, secretary. F. M. DeMunbrun of Indiana Conference and Henry Huffman of Missouri Conference were received on transfers. William Gossett, Levi N. Jones, Archibald C. Rice, James M. Ware, Wm. Cole, and S. H. Yocum, applicants, were referred to the proper committee, and after due examination, with the exception of William Cole, they were all admitted to the annual conference. John T. Vardaman, Halleck Floyd, and D. O. Farrell, were elected presiding elders. William C. Day, John M. Kabrich, Abraham Rust, George W. Beard, and G. H. Byrd, were ordained.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. JOSEPH MYERS

Joseph Myers entered White River Conference in 1854, and was ordained in 1858. He gave ten years to the active ministry, after which he transferred to the St. Joseph Conference. He was a very successful pastor, and contributed his share toward building up the church. Wherever he went, his influence for good was strongly exerted. The gospel which he preached to others, and which he believed with a firm faith, was the comfort of his life, and the inspiration of his death.

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REV. H. C. MILLER

Henry C. Miller was admitted to White River Conference in 1856 and ordained in 1859. He gave ten years to the itinerant service. He served three years as conference secretary. He was a capable man and wherever he was called to serve he proved to be equal to the task assigned him. He was a man of strong convictions which he maintained, with the full force of his faith. He has passed on to his eternal reward.

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1876)

At the session of the White River Conference in 1876, which met at Hartsville, Indiana, on the twenty-second day of August, the reports indicated that the conference was in a prosperous condition, Bishop J. Dickson presided. J. T. Vardaman was elected chairman and W. C. Day, secretary. Alonzo Myer, J. Y. DeMunbrun, John McNew, and Samuel Huff, were admitted to the conference. Thomas J. Halstead and Z. T. Halstead were ordained. S. B. Ervin, Halleck Floyd, and Milo L. Bailey were elected presiding elders. The question of district conferences received considerable attention during this decade. These conferences were held annually in each presiding elder's district. The importance of these meetings is suggested by the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the presiding elders be required to appoint a time and place for holding district conferences, and that it be their duty to publish said meetings, and secure attendance by all proper means.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. W. J. PRUNER

William J. Pruner entered White River Conference in 1862, and was ordained in 1865. He gave nine years to pastoral service. His chief work during his connection with our conference was his relation to Hartsville College, where he served four years as college president, and professor. He served three years as conference secretary. About 1880 he transferred to the Miami Conference in which he served a number of years in the pastorate, and devoted one year to the office of presiding elder. He possessed a fine Christian character, and was strongly attached to his church. His very life was a benediction to all who met and associated with him. Wherever he went

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among mankind he strewed flowers of comfort, and left behind happy memories of a beautiful life.

REV. ARTHUR RECTOR

Arthur Rector was admitted to White River Conference in 1862, and was ordained in 1866. He devoted ten years to the active ministry. His preaching was forceful, and doctrinal. He was a careful Bible student, and his discourses were logical and evangelistic. Having the qualities of a business man he was a useful man on a field of labor. On one occasion where a church house was needed, he set a good example by leading his parishioners into the forest where the timber was felled, hauled to the saw mill, and conveyed to the ground, where he led his people in erecting the building, which in a short time was ready for dedication. His work is completed, and he has gone to his great reward.

THIRTY-SECOND SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE (1877)

White River Conference met in its thirty-second session at Blue River Chapel, Shelby County, Indiana, August 15, 1877, Bishop J. Weaver, presiding. William C. Day was elected secretary. Fifty-two preachers were present and twenty-eight were absent. Asbury Myer, Isaac M. Tharp, Augustus C. Wilmore and Montgomery, Groenendyke, were received into the conference. Halleck Floyd, and William C. Day were elected presiding elders. F. M. Moore, A. C. Rice, Z. McNew, and W. E. Mosier, were ordained. Jacob H. Stover died during the year.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. W. C. KETNER

William C. Ketner was received into White River Conference in 1856, and ordained in 1859. His active itinerant ministry extended through a period of sixteen years, of which two years was devoted to the presiding eldership. He was a man of high ideals, and a devout character. His pulpit utterances were deliberate and well sustained by Scriptural quotations. He preached by example as well as by precept and his personal conduct, and blameless life, won the admiration of all who knew him. His hopeful spirit could experience great joy upon entering into life eternal.

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REV. CYRUS SMITH

Cyrus Smith was admitted to White River Conference in 1854, and ordained in 1858. Twenty years of his ministry was spent in the itinerancy, of which eighteen years was dedicated to the pastorate, and two years to the work of the presiding elder. He was a doctrinal preacher, and presented Scriptural truths in a very forceful and impressive manner. His articulation was practically perfect, and all who listened to him caught from his lips the sublime doctrinal truths clearly and positively delivered by an earnest preacher of the gospel. His life work is finished and he dwells in the light of life.

THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE (1878)

White River Conference met in its thirty-third session at Bethlehem Chapel, Wabash County, Indiana, August 14, 1878, Bishop Weaver presiding. The conference organized for business, electing A. C. Wilmore secretary. Curtis B. Small was received into the annual conference. On motion conference appointed a committee consisting of D. Stover, C. Smith, and C. W. Witt, to secure the names of deceased members to have them recorded in the conference minutes. It was ordered that these names be sent to the secretary, between this and the next session of conference. Isaac M. Ware, and Elias Bowman had died during the year. Simon B. Ervin, and Halleck Floyd were elected presiding elders. J. W. Atkinson, Levi N. Jones, James M. Ware, S. Y. Miller, C. R. Paddock, and Henry Huffman were ordained.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. ALEXANDER CARROLL

Alexander Carroll, entered White River Conference in 1852, and was ordained in 1858. He consecrated twenty-four years to the active itinerancy. Brother Carroll was a noted revivalist, having received about sixteen hundred members in the church. He was a strong believer in baptism by immersion, and maintained his views to the extent of refusing to baptize by any other mode. In 1874 while baptizing in the Salamonie River in Huntington County, he stated to the congregation that he had modified his views sufficiently to administer baptism by such mode as the candidate might desire. However, the audience was somewhat at a loss to discover what material change of views he had made upon the subject, when he led

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a candidate into the river, there producing a large tobacco bucket, and after filling it with water, poured its contents upon the candidate while administering the ordinance of baptism by pouring. His death occurred at his home near Lincolnville, Indiana, July 23, 1886, at the age of seventy-three years. The glorious doctrine of immortality which he had so long preached to others became to him a blessed reality, as he crossed the river of death, and entered the blissful life beyond.

REV. THOMAS EVANS

Thomas Evans was licensed in 1853, and spent thirty-two years in the itinerant ministry, four years of which he served in the presiding eldership. He was a great revivalist, and probably received about 1,500 members into the church. Brother Evans was a staunch anti-slavery man, and a strong advocate of the doctrines of abolition. He made vigorous attacks from the pulpit upon all forms of sin. On one occasion, while preaching at Blue River Chapel, in Shelby County, he strongly denounced profanity and Sabbath breaking, and by his sarcastic manner so incensed one of his hearers that he arose and started to leave the church. When he reached the door Brother Evans called out to him rather tauntingly, saying, "Sir, don't blot out that sun when you get out, just let it shine on." Brother Evans died in Indianapolis, September 9, 1885, aged sixty-two years. His body is interred in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis.

THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE (1879)

This session of the White River Conference, was held at Warrington, Indiana, commencing August 20, 1879, Bishop Weaver presiding. A. C. Wilmore was elected secretary, and W. C. Day statistical secretary. Sixty-two members were present and nineteen absent.

Nathan D. Wolfard, was received into the conference. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we elect Brother H. Floyd agent for Hartsville College, and that the White River Conference release him for that work. Abraham Rust, and S. B. Ervin, were granted transfers to the Michigan Conference and John McNew, to the Osage Conference. John M. Kabrich and J. T. Vardaman were elected presiding elders. Isaac M. Tharp and Montgomery Groenendyke, were ordained.

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THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1880)

White River Conference convened in its thirty-fifth session, in conjunction with the Indiana Conference, at Hartsville, Indiana, August 17, 1880. Bishop Weaver presided, and Augustus C. Wilmore was elected secretary.

The secretary called the roll. The following members were present: Elders, J. W. Atkinson, Milo L. Bailey, George W. Beard, A. H. K. Beam, Sylvester Bias, J. M. Cook, John Cranor, Irvin Cox, W. A. Davenport, Aaron Davis, Amos R. Day, William C. Day, F. M. DeMunbrun, William Fix, Halleck Floyd, William Gossett, Montgomery Groenendyke, Thomas J. Halstead, John Heavenridge, Samuel Huff, Henry Huffman, Levi N. Jones, John M. Kabrich, Job Kershner, John K. Lawrence, Zedekiah McNew, Francis M. Moore, William Mosier, Alonzo Myer, Asbury Myer, David E. Myers, William J. Pruner, Cyrus Smith, Daniel Stover, Isaac M. Tharp, John T. Vardaman, and Augustus C. Wilmore. Elders present, thirty-seven.

Licentiates: J. Y. DeMunbrun, William A. Oler, Curtis B. Small, Erastus Atkinson, Andrew J. Bolen, Joseph Carmony, George S. Mattox, Charles S. Miller, Marshall R. Myer and Oscar L. Wilson. Licentiates present, ten.

The following preachers were absent: Elders, Thomas H. Bell, G. H. Byrd, Alexander Carroll, Isaac Collins, Thomas Evans, Monroe Groenendyke, William Hall, Milton R. Harris, Benjamin R. B. Holcom, William C. Ketner, J. Kiger, Samuel Kurtz, W. Z. Manning, L. W. Matthews, Henry C. Miller, John Morgan, George Muth, Arthur Rector, Archibald C. Rice, D. P. Rubush, Caleb W. Witt, Hardy Wray, Milton Wright. Elders absent, twenty-three.

Licentiates: J. A. Bailey, Jacob Beck, Calvin Compton, Obadiah Jennings, Herbert C. Pierce, John H. Thornburgh, Jacob Williams, Nathan D. Wolfard, S. H. Yocum. Licentiates absent, nine. Total, seventy-nine.

Erastus Atkinson, Andrew J. Bolen, Joseph Carmony, George S. Mattox, Charles S. Miller, Marshall R. Myer, and Oscar L. Wilson, were received into the conference. D. E. Myers was admitted on transfer from Miami Conference. Andrew Elliott Evans, David Gunckel and James M. Ware had died during the year. The name of S. C. Miller was erased from the conference roll. John M. Kabrich and F. M. Moore were elected presiding elders. The conference

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adopted a constitution and by-laws of the White River Conference Theological Institute. A. C. Wilmore and J. M. Cook were chosen a committee to nominate officers and managers of the said Theological Institute.

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE (1880)

The conference provided for the incorporation of a Preachers' Aid Society. A committee was appointed to draft a Constitution for the above named Society. The following officers of the Preachers' Aid Society were elected: President, William C. Day; secretary, Augustus C. Wilmore; treasurer, John T. Vardaman.

Bishop Jonathan Weaver preached on Sabbath in the chapel of Hartsville College to a congregation of one thousand having for his text, First Timothy 3:5. After the sermon the following preachers were ordained by Bishop Weaver, assisted by elders John T. Vardaman and John Breden; namely, Alonzo Myer, Samuel Huff, John Heavenridge, Job Kershner, Augustus C. Wilmore, William Gossett, Asbury Myer, Sylvester Bias, of White River Conference; and J. T. Hobson, S. S. Riley, W. T. Inman, J. Winklepleck, D. A. Bohannan, and D. Clark, of Indiana Conference.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. ABRAHAM RUST

Abraham Rust entered White River Conference in 1869 and was ordained in 1875. After giving ten years to the active pastorate in White River Conference he transferred to Michigan Conference, where he spent five years in the active itinerancy. In 1884 he was transferred to White River Conference, in which he dedicated five more years to the active ministry. He was a successful pastor, and church builder. He rests from labor and his works follow him.

REV. L. W. CRAWFORD

Lewis W. Crawford, was born in 1820, and entered White River Conference in 1868, receiving his ordination in 1871. He entered the active ministry at once and devoted ten years to pastoral service. He was a strong man in the pulpit and energetic in his pastoral work. On February 2, 1908, God called him, and he went home to dwell with his Lord.

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REV. M. R. HARRIS

Milton R. Harris, entered White River Conference in 1864, and was ordained in 1868. His active itinerant service covered a period of twelve years. He was a capable man in the pulpit, and possessed unusual qualifications as a leader and counsellor. His keenness of perception, and knowledge of human nature were important equipments for his life work, and served to good advantage in the performance of his pastoral duties. His work is done, and he has entered into rest.

STATISTICS FOR 1860-1870-1880

LIST OF ITEMS	YEARS		
	1860	1870	1880
Organized churches	95	101	111
Number of members	4,197	4,789	6,006
Net increase preceding year	199	65	228
Net increase in ten years	2,001	592	1,217
Number of ministers	59	62	79
Number of church houses	50	53	81
Value of church houses	$ 24,700	$ 36,900	$ 89,100
Number of Sabbath schools	47	61	79
Number of officers and teachers	316	452	758
Children in Sabbath schools	2,415	2,932	3,942
Religious Telescopes	361	373	410
Pastors' salaries	$ 3,951	$ 5,375	$ 8,411
Presiding Elders' salaries	$587	$733	$ 1,065
Collected for missions	$328	$488	$806
Local Sunday-school collections	$116	$238	$656
Total for all purposes	$ 5,179	$ 8,119	$ 16,258

In the compilation of these statistics the compiler has consulted the old Conference Record, and the statistical table of Lawrence's History.

The Conference Record and the historical record supply the statistics of different years, and by having access to both of these authorities we have been able to supply the student with a more complete account of the reports of the pastors regarding the progress of the church during the three decades indicated in the foregoing statistical table.

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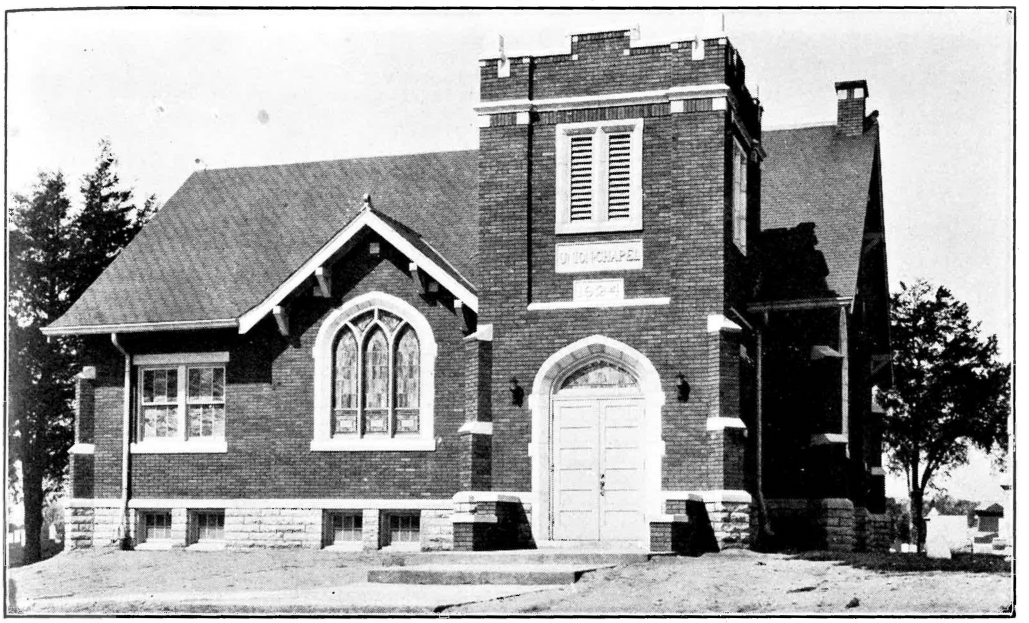

Union Chapel, Decatur County, Indiana, Where Rev. Aaron Farmer Recorded His Immortal Words In 1837

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In summarizing the growth of White River Conference during this decade, which commenced in 1870, and ended in 1880, we call attention to the comparative statistics of those years as shown in the tabulation.

The remarkable feature of the progress of United Brethrenism is the fact that there was an advance in every interest of the church during this decade in this annual conference.

There was a healthy growth in the number of organized churches. The gain in church membership amounted to twelve hundred and seventeen, or more than twenty-five percent, which was more than double the membership increase of the ten years from 1860 until 1870.

In the matter of Sabbath-school officers and teachers there was a gain of 307, or about sixty-seven percent. There was an increase of more than one thousand children who attended the Sabbath schools—making a gain of thirty-four percent. There was a gradual increase in the number of subscribers to the Religious Telescope.

The salaries of the presiding elders were increased forty-three percent during the decade, and the pastors' salaries were increased over three thousand dollars, showing the unusual increase of fifty-six percent.

The gain of twenty-two church houses with increased assets of more than fifty-two thousand dollars, showed the amazing percentage of increase of one hundred and forty-one percent.

This outstanding advance of White River Conference during the ten years from 1870 to 1880, had much to do in swinging the United Brethren Church into the fourth place among the Protestant churches of Indiana, when the enumeration was taken in 1880. The people of this state were brought to a realization that a rather formidable force of spirit filled followers of the Conquering Christ were marching forward to win the World War for His kingdom.

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CHAPTER VI

AGITATION AND DIVISION

(1880-1889)

WHEN the General Conference convened at Lisbon, Iowa, in 1881, and the news reached White River Conference that the opposing factions were so nearly equal that neither party wanted to broach a discussion of the "mooted question," and later when the delegates returned and reported the growth of "liberal" sentiment in the western states as well as in the east, the "radicals" of White River Conference became somewhat apprehensive, and entered into the consideration of the apparent conditions with the hope of overcoming the growing opposition to the long established principles of anti-secrecy in the United Brethren Church.

On Bishop Wright's return to the conference he was elected presiding elder by an almost unanimous vote, and Halleck Floyd was relieved of the college agency and chosen as the associate of former Bishop Wright in the important office of presiding elder.

Bishop Wright moved to Richmond, Indiana, and began the publication of the Richmond Star, which was devoted to the maintenance and advocacy of the time-honored principles of the United Brethren Church. Thus White River Conference went forward in opposing the secret orders, and all of the leading ministers and a large majority of the laity stood firmly for the old "landmarks," and contended earnestly for "the faith once delivered unto the saints."

THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1881)

This session of White River Conference was held at Salem Church, Howard County, Indiana, commencing August 10, 1881, Bishop Ezekiel B. Kephart presided, and Augustus C. Wilmore was elected secretary. The secretary called the roll. Fifty-seven preachers were present and twelve absent.

Charles W. Rector was admitted to the conference. Sister Vienna C. Johnson, was granted a recommendation to preach the gospel. W. Z. Manning was granted a transfer to St. Joseph Conference, and J. W. Atkinson was transferred to Kansas Conference. H. C. Miller was granted a transfer to West Kansas Conference,

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subject to certain conditions. Aaron Davis and Caleb W. Witt, had died during the year. Milton Wright and Halleck Floyd were elected presiding elders. Joseph Y. DeMunbrun was ordained. Articles of association of the Preachers' Aid Society were adopted.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. MILTON WRIGHT

Milton Wright was born in Rush County, Indiana, November 17, 1828. He entered White River Conference in 1853, and was ordained in 1856. He devoted twenty years to the active ministry in White River Conference, nine years of which was spent in the presiding eldership. He represented White River Conference in five General Conferences as follows: 1865, 1869, 1873, 1877, 1885. He was converted in 1843, when alone at work in his father's field. He joined the United Brethren Church, after having carefully studied its principles and methods. He was first licensed to exhort, and then licensed as a quarterly conference preacher. In 1857 he was sent as a missionary to Oregon, going by the Isthmus of Panama. While in Oregon, he was engaged in preaching, but from 1857 to 1859 he was the principal of Sublimity College, the first of the United Brethren schools on the Pacific Coast. November 24, 1859, he was united in marriage with Susan Katherine Koerner, who had nearly completed a literary course in Hartsville College. As the mother of Wilbur and Orville Wright, the inventors of the aeroplane, she always will have a name in history.

After Milton Wright's return from Oregon, he taught in the public schools, served in the pastorate and presiding eldership, and taught in the theological department of Hartsville College in 1868 and 1869, when he was elected editor of the Religious Telescope which position he held for eight years. In 1877 he was elected Bishop and assigned to the West Mississippi District. He was again elected Bishop in 1885, and appointed to the Pacific Coast District. He was strenuously opposed to slavery, the whisky traffic and secret orders. Notwithstanding the changes that came about in regard to the question of secret societies he stood by the traditional position of the Church without change. Bishop Wright was a writer of ability, and gave to the papers of which he was editor the strength of his own personality. His personal influence had much to do in holding together, and promoting the Old Constitution United Brethren Church. He was a man of upright character, an able

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preacher of the Gospel, and is worthy of the high esteem and veneration in which he is held by those who knew him. He died April 3, 1917. His remains repose in the Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio.

THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1882)

The White River Conference met in its thirty-seventh annual session at Washington, now Greensfork, Wayne County, Indiana, July 26, 1882, Bishop E. B. Kephart presiding. W. C. Day was elected secretary, and L. N. Jones, statistical secretary. Forty-two members were present and twenty-four absent. Marcus M. Thomas and John Seelig were received into the conference. J. W. Thornburg was received by transfer from Kansas Conference. The name of G. H. Byrd was erased, he having irregularly withdrawn from the church. Job Kershner, and J. Kiger had died during the year. John T. Vardaman made some very serious and touching remarks, referring to his long itinerant life, of forty years, among his brethren, and expressing his belief that it was very near the close, but that with the most grateful feelings towards God and his brethren he calmly awaited the approaching end. Milton Wright, Halleck Floyd and William C. Day were elected presiding elders. W. A. Oler was ordained.

THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1883)

This session of the White River Conference met at Gilead Church, near Balbec, Indiana, August 8, 1883, Bishop E. B. Kephart presiding. Augustus C. Wilmore was elected secretary. Fifty members were present and seventeen absent. Henry Ketner, N. L. Hoopingarner, Robert Steele and George Wilson were admitted to the conference. Curtis B. Small, Andrew J. Bolen, and John H. Thornburg were ordained. Joseph Carmony, L. W. Matthews and J. W. Thornburg, had died during the year. D. E. Myers was granted a transfer to Miami Conference. Milton Wright, F. M. Moore and Z. McNew, were elected presiding elders.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. WILLIAM HALL

William Hall was received into White River Conference in 1857 and ordained in 1860. He gave sixteen years to the active itinerancy,

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all of which was in the pastoral relation. He was a man of high ideals, and excellent character. His name is honored and revered by all who knew him. William Hall served one term of two years in the Indiana House of Representatives from Grant County. He has been gathered unto his fathers, and dwells in the realms of the blessed.

REV. J. M. COOK

James Madison Cook entered White River Conference in 1859, and was ordained in 1862. He gave twenty-four years to the active ministry, holding some very successful revival meetings. He was a willing worker for the Lord, and always ready to accept the appointment to which he was assigned by the annual conference. He passed to his eternal reward April 24, 1895, aged 74 years. His remains repose in the United Brethren Cemetery at Dublin, Indiana.

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE (1884)

White River Conference convened in its thirty-ninth annual session, in conjunction with the Indiana Conference, at Hartsville, Indiana, August 6, 1884, Bishop E. B. Kephart presiding. Augustus C. Wilmore was elected secretary. Forty-four ministers were present and twenty-two absent.

Jacob Beck, Overton E. Evans, John Taylor Roberts, Richard Newton Young, and Harrison Harrell, were received into the conference. Abraham Rust was received on his transfer from Michigan Conference, and David O. Darling from Dakota Conference. The name of G. W. Beard was erased from the roll, he having irregularly withdrawn from the church. Sylvester Bias, was granted a transfer to Arkansas Valley Conference; Samuel Huff was transferred to Southwest Missouri Conference. Irvin Cox, George Muth, and John T. Vardaman had died during the year. Levi N. Jones was granted a letter of dismissal from the conference and the church. Milton Wright, Z. McNew, and J. M. Kabrich, were elected presiding elders.

FORTIETH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE (1885)

The conference of 1885 met at Lincolnville, Indiana, August 12, Bishop Nicholas Castle presiding. Augustus C. Wilmore was elected secretary. The roll was called. Fifty-two members were

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present and nineteen absent. Robert W. Fryer, Charles E. Kriebel, Thomas E, Kinnaman, John W. Utsler, and Jacob Williams were received into the annual conference. George W. Fast was received on transfer from Michigan Conference. Henry Huffman was granted a transfer to Southern Missouri Conference. Isaac Collins had died during the year. Z. McNew and Isaac M. Tharp were elected presiding elders. Jacob Beck, John Seelig, and Marcus M. Thomas were ordained.

The General Conference which convened at Fostoria, Ohio, May, 1885, succeeded in effecting the greatest dissension that the United Brethren Church has realized in its history. The course pursued and the methods employed were incompatible with the high ideals and tender fellowship which the fathers inculcated and practiced. The more progressive element in the church finding themselves in the majority in the General Conference launched the following method of accomplishing their designs to rid the church of its rule on secret combinations. A standing committee was appointed on Revision to which was referred the Confession of Faith, Constitution, and Section three of Chapter ten of our Book of Discipline. A considerable majority of the committee were either actively or passively favorable to a revision that would eliminate the prohibition clause of our Church constitution. This committee made a report which provided for a commission composed of twenty-seven persons connected with our church. This commission was authorized to meet at such time and place as the Board of Bishops may appoint and was empowered to have its work completed by January 1, 1886.

A plan was provided for an expression of the church upon the proposed amendments which would have permitted an election and the announcement of the revision at a time prior to the next General Conference. Then this same committee recommended, and the General Conference of 1885 promptly adopted a rule in relation to secret combinations which was a virtual nullification of Section seven, which embodied our constitutional law on secret combinations. Then several of the delegates favoring the proposed revision, in their speeches on the subject, attacked the constitution touching its validity, and otherwise manifested a serious disregard for the fundamental law of the church. When the action of the General Conference became known to our people it aroused great indignation and provoked strong opposition on the part of many ministers and laymen throughout this conference.

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When this session of conference assembled at Lincolnville the subject at once received the attention of the conference and after some discussion White River Conference gave expression to its views on this subject by adopting the following:

Whereas, The late General Conference which convened at Fostoria, Ohio, did create a commission to revise our Confession of Faith and Constitution; and

Whereas, It was an extraordinary procedure and as we believe unwarranted by the Constitution; and

Whereas, It has resulted in bringing about in our Zion a state of revolution; therefore

Resolved, That we will as far as we can discourage the commission and that we will instruct our people to stand by our Confession of Faith and Constitution to keep them inviolate.

(Signed) H. Floyd
W. A. Oler.

If the twenty-seven commissioners appointed to formulate the proposed Confession and Constitution had acted as hastily and injudiciously as Committee number six and the Fostoria General Conference the radicals would have withdrawn with fully two-thirds of the membership, instead of about one-third of our people, in this conference. The postponement of the election for three years, and the provision to withhold the announcement of the result until the first Monday after the meeting of the General Conference of 1889 should convene, was a master stroke of diplomacy and helped to save the day in White River Conference.

FORTY-FIRST SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1886)

The White River Conference convened for the forty-first time, in annual session, in Blue River Chapel, Shelby County, Indiana, August 11, 1886, Bishop E. B. Kephart presiding. A. C. Wilmore was elected secretary.

The roll was called. The following members were present: Elders, M. L. Bailey, A. H. K. Beam, Jacob Beck, A. J. Bolen, J. M. Cook, John Cranor, D. O. Darling, W. A. Davenport, Amos R. Day, J. Y. DeMunbrun, G. W. Fast, William Fix, Halleck Floyd, William Gossett, William Hall, M. R. Harris, J. Heavenridge, J. M. Kabrich, W. C. Ketner, S. Kurtz, J. K. Lawrence, Z. McNew, C. S.

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Miller, F. M. Moore, Alonzo Myer, Asbury Myer, D. E. Myers, W. A. Oler, Arthur Rector, C. W. Rector, A. C. Rice, A. Rust, John Seelig, C. B. Small, Cyrus Smith, Daniel Stover, I. M. Tharp, A. C. Wilmore, O. L. Wilson, N. D. Wolford, Hardy Wray. Elders present, forty-one.

Licentiates: O. E. Evans, H. J. Ketner, J. T. Roberts, R. N. Young, R. W. Fryer, T. E. Kinnaman, C. E. Kriebel, Jacob Williams, George Wilson, W. T. Boice, G. W. Ford, J. W. Utsler, J. H. Wyant. Licentiates present, thirteen.

The following members were absent: Elders, Thomas Bell, Monroe Groenendyke, Montgomery Groenendyke, A. R. Day, Harrison Harrell, B. R. B. Holcom, John Morgan, D. P. Rubush, G. W. Fast, W. S. Fields, S. Kurtz, J. H. Thornburg, G. C. Warvel, Milton Wright. Elders absent, fourteen. Licentiates, Obadiah Jennings, Robert Steele, Herbert C. Pearce. Licentiates absent, three. Total, seventy-one.

William T. Boice, George W. Ford, and John H. Wyant were admitted to the conference. Alexander Carroll and Thomas Evans had died during the year. G. C. Warvel was received on his transfer from Miami Conference. T. J. Halstead was granted a transfer to Miami Conference. Isaac M. Tharp and Augustus C. Wilmore were elected presiding elders. N. L. Hoopingarner, C. S. Miller and N. D. Wolford were ordained. G. L. Mattox was granted a transfer to St. Joseph Conference. The committee to nominate officers and directors of the Theological Institute for the ensuing three years reported the following, which was adopted and the officers and managers were elected: President, I. M. Tharp; secretary, A. C. Wilmore; treasurer, W. A. Oler; managers A. Rust, J. M. Kabrich, Z. McNew and F. M. Moore.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

REV. HALLECK FLOYD

Halleck Floyd entered White River Conference in 1859, and was ordained in 1866. He devoted thirty years to the active ministry, of which eight years was given to the office of presiding elder. He represented White River Conference in the General Conferences of 1877, 1881, 1885 and 1889. He represented Wayne County in the Legislature of 1880-1882. In the relation of presiding elder he achieved his greatest popularity. His calm disposition and urbane

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manners won him many an ardent friend. He was one of the promoters and served four years as president of our Theological Institute. He has entered into his eternal rest.

FORTY-SECOND SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1887)

This session of conference was held at Selma, Indiana, commencing August 18, 1887. H. Floyd was elected chairman and N. D. Wolford, secretary. A. C. Wilmore, I. M. Tharp, and N. D. Wolford were appointed a committee to classify the ministers. Fifty-two ministers were present and seventeen absent. Jacob Beachler, L. O. Chenoweth, Ithamer V. McCarty, and Joshua Mattox were received into the annual conference. It was moved and seconded that the conference will not recognize persons who persist in affiliating with secret societies, in violation of the constitution, as members of the church. The motion was adopted. Amos R. Day had died during the year. Augustus C. Wilmore, Isaac M. Tharp, and Z. McNew, were elected presiding elders. Overton E. Evans, C. E. Kriebel, J. T. Roberts, R. N. Young and Robert Steele were ordained.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

REV. J. M. KABRICH

John M. Kabrich was admitted to White River Conference in 1869, and ordained in 1875. He at once entered the active ministry and gave twenty years to that work, of which three years was spent as presiding elder. He was a delegate to the General Conferences of 1881 and 1885. He was very successful in his pastoral and evangelistic work. He was one of the charter members of White River Conference Institute, and contributed to its success. His career is closed and his faithfulness is rewarded.

FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1888)

White River Conference met in its forty-third session at Hartsville, Indiana, August 15, 1888. The roll was called. Forty-five members were present and twenty-seven were absent. Melvin O. Jarvis, W. J. Oxley, and Hardy W. Robbins, were admitted to the annual conference. Arthur Rector was elected chairman, and N. D. Wolford, secretary. Millard F. Dawson was received on transfer

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from Indiana Conference. Charles R. Paddock was received on transfer from Auglaize Conference. J. H. Piper was received on transfer from Kansas Conference. Charles E. Kriebel was granted a transfer to North Ohio Conference. Z. McNew, A. C. Wilmore and I. M. Tharp were elected presiding elders. On motion Rev. Daniel Stover, who had been a traveling minister in our conferences for fifty years, was invited to give in a brief speech, a sketch of the history of our church and its labors during the last half century. Henry J. Ketner, Thomas E. Kinnaman and John W. Utsler were ordained.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

REV. JOHN CRANOR

John Cranor was licensed to preach in 1863, and ordained in 1870. He spent nineteen years in the active itinerancy. He was very much devoted to his work, and was a very earnest preacher of the gospel. He gave close attention to his pastoral work, and faithfully cared for the absent members. He has entered into rest, and dwells in peace.

THE DIVISION IN WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

The conference year of 1888 and 1889 marked an epoch in the history of White River Conference. For more than a decade the ultra-Radicals who controlled the conference, ruled it as with a rod of iron. At the conference of 1888 it became apparent that the arrogant hand of ultra-radicalism was losing its grasp. At that conference fifty-two ministers were present. In the election of presiding elders, twenty-seven votes were necessary to a choice. While it was conceded that seventeen ministers would vote in opposition to the ultra-Radical ticket, composed of Z. McNew, I. M. Tharp and J. M. Kabrich, yet it was generally claimed by the Radicals that about two-thirds of the conference or thirty-five ministers would cast their votes for the Radical ticket. However, it was believed by a few ministers that about ten members of the conference who had been counted with the Radicals, were rather conservative, and would likely support a conservative man for the presiding eldership. When the votes were counted, this apprehension was fully confirmed and instead of the full Radical ticket being elected, but two of their party were chosen elders, and one whom the ultra-Radicals had endeavored to defeat was chosen presiding elder on the first ballot. Then came the great struggle for the

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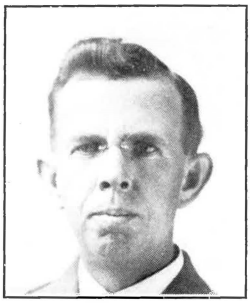

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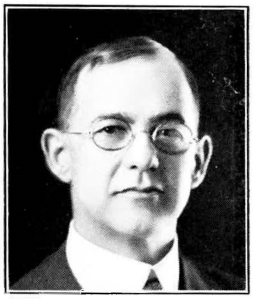

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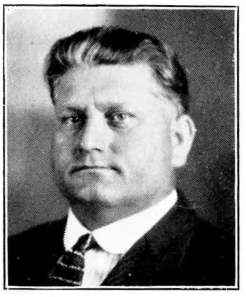

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MEMBERS OF THE WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

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mastery. The two Radical elders were Z. McNew and I. M. Tharp, and they were supported by seventeen active itinerant preachers in charge of fields of labor, while A. C. Wilmore, the only loyal presiding elder was supported by only thirteen preachers in charge of fields of labor. These thirteen pastors whose names should be immortalized because of their loyalty to the Church in the midst of this stronghold of dissenters were M. L. Bailey, A. C. Rice, William Gossett, Alonzo Myer, Asbury Myer, D. O. Darling, O. E. Evans, J. T. Roberts, J. W. Utsler, M. F. Dawson, J. H. Wyant, I. V. McCarty and M. O. Jarvis.

The Radicals stoutly claimed fully two-thirds of the membership of the conference. The great struggle came in the election of delegates to the General Conference. The vote was so close that it had to be settled by contest. When the General Conference Committee on Credentials completed their count it was found that three of the loyal delegates namely, A. C. Wilmore, M. L. Bailey, and D. E. Myers, were elected and only one Radical delegate, namely, Halleck Floyd was elected. When Floyd withdrew from the General Conference, D. O. Darling, who had only four votes less than Floyd was seated as delegate in his stead.

This victory over the Radicals, in their stronghold, served to greatly strengthen the loyal preachers and people and helped to bring accessions to their ranks throughout the conference. The loyal presiding elder and pastors gave themselves to the great and arduous work of saving to the Church from the hands of the schismatic Radicals as many members as possible. All through this conference year and the subsequent year the work went on. The pastors gave their best efforts to the work on their respective charges, and the presiding elder traveled and worked by day and by night for about two years, when the work was so well reconstructed that our Conference Minutes for that year (1890) showed 5,569 members and a total for all purposes of nearly $14,000; while the Minutes of the Radical Conference showed only 2,896 members, and a total for all purposes of only about $9,000; thus showing that in the short space of two years we had about doubled our strength while our Radical brethren had lost about one-half of their alleged strength.

FORTY-FOURTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE (1889)

This session of White River Conference was held at Sugar Grove Church, Hancock County, Indiana, beginning August 7, 1889,

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according to the order of said conference at its last session, Bishop E. B. Kephart presiding. David O. Darling was elected secretary. The roll was called. Thirty-four ministers were present and ten absent. The names of twenty-three lay delegates, each representing a charge in the conference, were admitted to membership in the conference as lay representatives. F. M. Moore was elected president of the Preachers' Aid Society; Asbury Myer was elected secretary, and A. C. Rice, treasurer. M. R. Harris was elected conference missionary treasurer, and W. A. Davenport, secretary.

The following brethren were declared by this annual conference to have withdrawn from the church by affiliating with the seceding faction of the church, as effected by the withdrawal of the minority body at York, Pennsylvania, May 13, 1889, thereby forming a new organization: A. J. Bolen, J. Y. DeMunbrun, G. W. Fast, Halleck Floyd, William Hall, T. E. Kinneman, J. M. Kabrich, H. J. Ketner, Z. McNew, C. S. Miller, W. A. Oler, C. R. Paddock, A. Rector, C. W. Rector, A. Rust, J. Seelig, C. B. Small, Cyrus Smith, Robert Steele, I. M. Tharp, G. C. Warvel, N. D. Wolford, Milton Wright, R. N. Young, W. J. Oxley, and H. W. Robbins.

A committee was appointed to nominate officers and directors for the conference Theological Institute; namely, A. C. Rice, and Asbury Myer.

Hiram S. James, William Gothup, William Padget, James F. Reynolds, and Isaac Unger, applicants, were received into the conference. Rev. John Morgan having died during the year his name was referred to the Committee on Memorials. Montgomery Groenendyke was granted a transfer to Tennessee Conference. Augustus C. Wilmore, and Francis M. Moore, were elected presiding elders. William T. Boice, and Millard F. Dawson, were ordained.

RESOLUTIONS ON WITHDRAWAL

Whereas, Certain ministers of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, withdrew from the General Conference thereof, held at York, Pennsylvania, May, 1889; organized themselves into another body, which they incorrectly claim was the General Conference of said Church; and have, and are, with others, assuming authority over property of the Church contrary to its law and usage; and,

Whereas, The General Conference at said session declared as per Chapter nine of the Discipline of 1889, that said withdrawing members, and all ministers and members in insubordination to the

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General Conference; or, who connect themselves with the minority body which withdrew from said General Conference, shall be declared, as having irregularly withdrawn from the church; and,

Whereas, Two of the presiding elders, duly elected at the White River Annual Conference of the said church in August, 1888, to serve for the ensuing year to wit: Z. McNew, and I. M. Tharp; and did serve as such presiding elders until May 13, 1889, when they withdrew, from the authority of said General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, thereby vacating the office of presiding elder, to which elected as aforesaid, respectively; and,

Whereas, Presiding Bishop E. B. Kephart, filled said vacancy by the appointment of Milo L. Bailey, in place of Z. McNew, irregularly withdrawn, and appointed Daniel Stover in place of I. M. Tharp, irregularly withdrawn.

Therefore, Be it declared and resolved by this annual conference, that the action of Bishop Kephart, is fully approved, and ratified, as having been done in accordance with the Discipline, and the long established customs, usages, and rules of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. WILLIAM C. DAY

William C. Day entered White River Conference in 1869, and was ordained in 1875. He dedicated thirteen years to the itinerant ministry of this conference, one year of which he served as presiding elder. He was secretary of the annual conference eight years. He was an able preacher, a clear thinker, and possessed of a strong personality. He was one of the charter members of the White River Conference Theological Institute, and is the author of its constitution and by-laws. His purity of life and fine social qualities endeared him to all those with whom he was acquainted.

REV. THOMAS J. HALSTEAD

Thomas J. Halstead was admitted to White River Conference in 1873, and was ordained in 1876. He gave twelve years to the ministry of White River Conference, after which he transferred to Miami Conference, in which he rendered service for a similar period. He was an earnest and capable minister, and fully devoted to all of the interest of the United Brethren Church.

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REV. ASBURY MYER

Asbury Myer entered White River Conference in 1877 and was ordained in 1880. He consecrated twelve years to the active ministry. His death was a personal loss to the writer, of this sketch. We both entered conference together and were ordained at the same time. The other members of our class were Isaac M. Tharp, and Montgomery Groenendyke. Asbury Myer was a conscientious, holy, pure-spirited messenger of Christ. He fell at his post of duty at North Marion, Indiana, September 29, 1896. We shall meet in the land of the blest, and enter into the joy of the triumphant hosts of Glory.

REV. W. A. OLER

William A. Oler entered White River Conference in 1874, and was ordained in 1882. He gave fifteen years to the active ministry in White River Conference, all of which was spent in the pastorate. He served a number of the most important charges in the conference. His upright life and consecrated service to the church were marked characteristics of his ministry. He has passed beyond the confines of time, into the realms of eternity.

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CHAPTER VII

LITIGATION AND RECONSTRUCTION

(1889-1899)

A FEW cases of litigation of local interest were submitted for adjudication in the early period of our ecclesiastical contention, but after due consideration the contestants conceded the propriety of accepting the case of the Sugar Grove Church, in Wayne County, Indiana, as the legal test. After due trial in the Circuit Court, of Wayne County, Judge Eugene Bundy, of New Castle, on the bench, the case was decided in favor of the adherents of the General Conference. The case was then appealed by the Radicals to the Indiana Supreme Court, which unanimously sustained the decision of Judge Bundy in denying the Radicals the right to the property.

We quote the following from Berger's History of the United Brethren Church: Litigation for possession of the United Brethren Printing Establishment at Dayton, Ohio, began July 26, 1889. The trial before the Circuit Court to which appeal was taken by the Radicals began June 17, 1891. The presiding judges were, Charles C. Shearer, of Xenia, Ohio; Gilbert H. Stewart, of Columbus, Ohio; and James M. Smith, of Lebanon, Ohio.

In this trial a wide field was covered, and every inch of ground was contested with distinguished ability. The importance of the case was fully comprehended not only from the standpoint of the large amount of property directly involved, but from the probable bearings of the decision in this case upon millions of dollars' worth of other property. The main point sought to be established by the Radicals was that the Church, through its adoption of an amended Constitution and revised Confession of Faith, had ceased to be the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and had become another and different church—that the Confession had ceased to be Arminian and had become Calvinistic; that the General Conference which elected the Publishing Agent and trustees was not the General Conference of the United Brethren Church, and that therefore the publishing agent and trustees now holding the property were not entitled to such possession; and that they themselves, as elected by the small body of seceders who left their seats in the General Con-

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ference and organized for the transaction of General Conference business, were the rightful representatives of the Church, and as such entitled to hold and control the property.

The findings of the facts and the legal opinion and decree of the court were a complete overthrow of all that was claimed by the Radicals. The very able rendering of the court was unanimously concurred in by the three judges. The case was carried on appeal to the Supreme Court of Ohio. Four years elapsed before it was reached, in the course of business before that high tribunal. On June 27, 1895, the Supreme Court handed down its decision in which it declared "the case has been fully and exhaustively considered in the opinion of the Circuit Court, as announced by Charles Shearer, judge, we fully affirm the reasoning of the court and the conclusions there rendered. Judgment affirmed." Thus the Radicals were denied the right to the property.

FORTY-FIFTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1890)

This session of White River Conference met at Salem Church, Howard County, Indiana, August 13, 1890, Bishop N. Castle presiding. D. O. Darling was elected secretary. Thirty-two members were present and twelve were absent. Seventeen lay delegates who represented their respective charges were present. James S. Carmack, W. F. Chalfant, William D. Stant, Amanda R. Williams, Henry Shoults and Nathan S. Tranbarger, were received into the conference. Obadiah Jennings had died during the year. Thomas W. Williams was received on transfer. Milo L. Bailey, and William Gossett, were elected presiding elders. D. P. Rubush was granted a letter of dismissal from the conference. O. L. Wilson was granted a transfer to Kansas Conference. L. O. Chenoweth was ordained.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1890

Organized churches, 102; ministers, 44; members at the beginning of year, 5418; members received, 983; members died, 58; members removed by letter, 67; withdrawn and dropped, 707; at end of year, 5569; net increase, 151; number of Sunday schools, 73; Sunday-school enrollment, 4599; average attendance, 3058; teachers and officers, 629; Religious Telescope, 821; Children's Friends, 515; Missionary Visitor, 495; Lessons for the little ones 1153; Bible Teachers, 84; Quarterlies, 3045; Woman's Evangel, 128. Pastors'

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salaries, $7522; value of presents, $652; church expenses, $3281; Sunday-school collection, $976; presiding elders' salary, $1070; Bishops' collection $190; Preachers' Aid, $102; collected for missions, $632. Total for missions, $768. Total for all purposes, $13,929. Number of church houses, 92; value of church houses, $129,600; number of parsonages, 6; value $4150.

FORTY-SIXTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1891)

White River Conference convened in its forty-sixth session at Union Church near Noblesville, Indiana, beginning August 19, 1891, Bishop J. Weaver presiding. D. O. Darling was elected secretary.

The roll was called. The following ministers were present: Elders, M. L. Bailey, John R. Brown, W. T. Boice, L. O. Chenoweth, D. O. Darling, W. A. Davenport, M. F. Dawson, O. E. Evans, L. C. Force, R. W. Fryer, William Gossett, Samuel McKee, F. M. Moore, Alonzo Myer, Asbury Myer, A. C. Rice, J. T. Roberts, Daniel Stover, J. W. Utsler, T. W. Williams, A. C. Wilmore, J. H. Wyant, O. L. Wilson. Elders present, twenty-three.

Licentiates: G. W. Ford, H. S. James, M. O. Jarvis, E. J. Mattox, J. F. Reynolds, Isaac Unger, J. A. Bray, William Gothup, William D. Stant, N. S. Tranbarger, Nettie Valentine, David W. Zartman, John A. Bushong, D. F. Carmichael, W. F. Chalfant, J. S. Carmack, D. P. Coldren, John G. Colter, I. V. McCarty, Henry Shoults, Amanda Williams. Licentiates present, twenty-one.

The following ministers were absent: Elders, J. M. Cook, Harrison Harrell, John Heavenridge, David E. Myers. Elders absent, four. Licentiates, Jacob Beachler, William Padget. Licentiates absent, two. Total, fifty. J. A. Bushong, D. P. Coldren, J. A. Bray, J. G. Colter, D. F. Carmichael, and Nettie Valentine, were admitted to the conference. John R. Brown of St. Joseph Conference, L. C. Force, of West Nebraska Conference, and O. L. Wilson, of Kansas Conference were admitted on transfers. William Gossett, and M. L. Bailey were elected presiding elders.

FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1892)

The forty-seventh session of White River Conference convened at Honey Creek, Indiana, August 17, 1892, Bishop John Dickson presiding. D. O. Darling was elected secretary.

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The roll was called. Forty-three preachers were present and ten absent. Seventeen lay delegates were present. William F. Hunt, Charles E. Hunt, Carrie McDougal, and Emma Wright were received in the conference. William Padget, was referred back to the quarterly conference. Lewis W. Crawford was received on his transfer from Indiana Conference. Milo L. Bailey and Augustus C. Wilmore were elected presiding elders. D. E. Myers was granted a transfer to Miami Conference.

The following resolution was adopted on Temperance: We take pleasure in noting the advance position our Church occupied among other denominations on the Temperance reform in its early history. We also desire to express our gratification at the rapid growth of Temperance sentiment throughout our state and government, and the adoption of prohibition laws and regulations in so many States of the Union. Believing that the whisky traffic is too expensive and too full of crime and suffering to be tolerated by our advanced state of civilization, and that it is condemned by the Spirit and letter of the Gospel of Christ; therefore,

Resolved, That we will preach, pray and vote, for the most speedy and successful methods to secure the prohibition of the whisky traffic.

FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1893)

The forty-eighth session of White River Conference was held at New Lisbon, Indiana, beginning August 23, 1893. The Bishop being absent, D. R. Miller was elected Bishop pro tem. D. O. Darling was elected secretary. The roll was called. Thirty-nine preachers were present and twelve absent. Twenty-four lay delegates were present. Oliver Whitecotton and William N. Sleeth, were admitted to the annual conference. A. C. Wilmore and M. L. Bailey were elected presiding elders.

The preceding year had been a year of unusual prosperity, the number of organized churches had increased from 102 to 112. The church membership had increased from 5,569 to 6,409, making a net increase of 840. There had been an unusual increase in pastors' salaries. In 1892 the pastors had received a little over eight thousand dollars in salary, this year the pastors had received nearly twelve thousand dollars. The percentage of increase being about

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forty-seven. David W. Zartman, John A. Bray, Ithamer McCarty, and Nettie Valentine were ordained.

Bishop Castle having sufficiently recovered from his sickness reached the conference on Saturday. He preached a stirring discourse from Second Peter, first chapter, on Sunday morning.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor having been organized at the session of White River Conference in 1891 reported a commendable advance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, A. C. Wilmore; vice-president, T. W. Williams; secretary, D. O. Darling; treasurer, M. F. Dawson.

FORTY-NINTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1894)

White River Conference convened in its forty-ninth session at Wabash, Indiana, beginning August 29, 1894, Bishop J. S. Mills presiding. D. O. Darling was elected secretary. The roll was called and thirty-five ministers and twelve lay delegates answered to their names. Benjamin H. Hutchens, Clifford Rarey, Ensley M. Roberts and Henry J. Russell, were received into the conference.

The following is copied from the conference minutes of 1894: Rev. A. C. Wilmore in a fitting speech presented a gavel made from buttonwood, obtained from the head of White River, and the Bishop replied in beautiful and appropriate remarks. A Church Erection Constitution was adopted. A. C. Wilmore was elected president; D. O. Darling, vice-president; I. V. McCarty, treasurer, and J. T. Roberts, secretary. The following were also elected on the board: Alonzo Myer, W. Gossett and M. F. Dawson. James S. Carmack, John G. Colter, John A. Bushong and N. S. Tranbarger were ordained. J. T. Roberts and Alonzo Myers were elected presiding elders.

FIFTIETH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1895)

The fiftieth session of White River Conference was held at Lapel, Indiana, beginning August 28, 1895, Bishop J. W. Hott presiding. David O. Darling was elected secretary. Forty-four preachers were present, and twelve were absent. Twenty-five lay delegates were present.

Oscar F. Lydy, applicant, was received into the annual conference. James E. Shannon was received on his transfer from Central Ohio Conference. Clifford B. Rarey was granted a transfer.

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Alonzo Myer and J. T. Roberts were elected presiding elders. On account of the failure of a number of pastors to raise their benevolent collections, and in order to stimulate greater activity in behalf of the leading interests of the church, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, First, That the basis of assessments in the conference for general missions be fixed at fifteen hundred dollars.

Resolved, Second, That hereafter when a pastor fails to raise at least ninety percent of the amount assessed to his charge for the general collection for missions, he shall not be returned to such charge, the subsequent year; and that hereafter when a pastor fails to raise at least seventy percent of the amount assessed to his charge for the general collection for missions, he shall not be appointed to any charge, the subsequent year.

Resolved, Third, That we recommend that each pastor the coming year make an earnest effort to reach the one hundred thousand line for missions on his charge.

FIFTY-FIRST SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1896)

The fifty-first session of White River Conference met at Lincolnville, Indiana, August 26, 1896, Bishop E. B. Kephart presiding. D. O. Darling was elected secretary.

The roll was called. The following ministers were present: Elders, M. L. Bailey, Jacob Beachler, John A. Bray, J. R. Brown, J. A. Bushong, D. P. Coldren, J. G. Colter, D. O. Darling, W. A. Davenport, M. F. Dawson, W. L. DeMunbrun, J. Q. Dickensheets, O. E. Evans, William Gossett, M. Groenendyke, J. Heavenridge, Morton Hobson, C. E. Hunt, H. S. James, M. O. Jarvis, I. V. McCarty, F. M. Moore, Alonzo Myer, Asbury Myer, J. F. Reynolds, J. T. Roberts, J. E. Shannon, N. S. Tranbarger, John W. Utsler, Nettie Valentine, T. W. Williams, Amanda R. Williams, A. C. Wilmore, Emma Wright, D. W. Zartman. Present, thirty-five.

Licentiates: W. F. Chalfant, W. F. Hunt, Oscar F. Lydy, Joseph E. Paddock, M. A. Robbins, Henry J. Russell, C. W. Rhynearson, and Oliver Whitecotton. Present, eight.

The following ministers were absent: Elders, L. O. Chenoweth, L. W. Crawford, Robert W. Fryer, Harrison Harrell, E. J. Mattox, A. C. Rice, Daniel Stover, J. H. Wyant. Absent, eight. Licen-

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tiates: William N. Sleeth, Carrie Boose and E. M. Roberts. Absent, three. Total, fifty-four.

Eighteen lay delegates were present. Moines A. Robbins and Joseph E. Paddock were received into the annual conference. James S. Carmack was granted a transfer. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to Rev. Daniel Stover who had been a member of the conference for over a half century. F. M. DeMunbrun received an honorable dismissal from the conference. J. T. Roberts and Alonzo Myer were elected presiding elders. Samuel McKee had died during the year. David P. Coldren, James E. Shannon and Emma Wright were ordained.

FIFTY-SECOND SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1897)

The fifty-second session of White River Conference, convened at Greentown, Indiana, September 1, 1897, Bishop Weaver presiding. Millard F. Dawson was elected secretary.

Forty-eight preachers were present and nine were absent. Charles J. Roberts, Frank H. Linville, and Enos Veal, applicants, were received into the annual conference. Lawrence O. Blake, William M. Karstedt, Marcus M. Thomas and A. L. Roberts were received on their transfers. Charles A. Love, an elder of the Methodist Protestant Church having presented certificate of good standing, after having been duly examined as per Discipline, was received into the White River Conference. John T. Roberts and Alonzo Myer were elected presiding elders. William N. Sleeth and Charles A. Love were ordained. Asbury Myer had died during the year.

FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1898)

White River Conference convened in its fifty-third session at Anderson, Indiana, beginning August 21, 1898, Bishop Castle presiding. William Gossett was elected chairman, and M. F. Dawson, secretary. Fifty-four ministers were present, and nine absent.

James B. Parsons and Charles P. Martin, having passed their examinations with a good grade were received into the conference. Simon B. Ervin was received on his transfer from Miami Conference. F. S. Minshall was received subject to his transfer of Central Ohio Conference. Laura A. Love was received on her credentials from the Methodist Protestant Church and Z. C. Mower from the Baptist

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Church. Thirty-four lay delegates were present. William A. Davenport had died during the year. J. T. Roberts and Alonzo Myer, were elected presiding elders.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. W. F. Hunt was adopted:

Whereas, There is a great lack of information on the part of our people in regard to the history of the Church, and of our conference; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a brief history of the White River Annual Conference, consisting of about four thousand words. Said history to be printed in minutes of next year.

Rev. A. C. Wilmore was elected to prepare such history.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

In 1895 a new rebellion broke out in Cuba. Captain-General Weyler, attempted in vain to suppress it by measures so cruel and so destructive that intervention by the United States was frequently suggested. President McKinley's message of December, 1897, counselled further forbearance. The Sagasta ministry acting through Captain-General Glanco, made proposals of home rule for Cuba, but without real prospect of success. On February 15, 1898, United States ship "Maine," was blown up in Havana Harbor, under circumstances which made it probable that some Spanish officials were responsible. The nation showed remarkable self-control, but determined that Spain's misrule in Cuba must end. President McKinley attempted to bring this about by diplomacy. By a message of April 11, he admitted his failure, and recommended forcible intervention. On April 19, Congress with great unanimity, declared Cuba independent, and authorized intervention. Spain declared our action equivalent to a declaration of war and the war commenced.

The conference passed the following resolution:

WAR

That while we deprecate war, yet the late war being forced upon us, we are thankful for its successful victory in the freedom it brought to an enslaved people; that we appreciate the wise course taken by the administration.

The following resolutions were passed:

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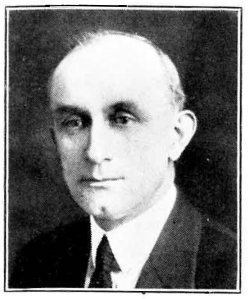

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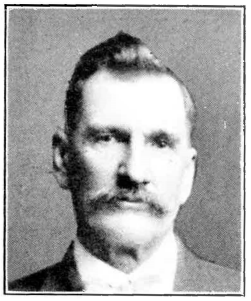

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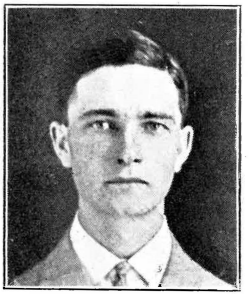

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MEMBERS OF THE WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

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WHISKY TRAFFIC

That we do hereby declare that a Christian should not in any manner whatever, by voice, influence, or vote, give influence to this traffic.

SOCIAL PURITY

That the invitation from the associated ministers of Madison County, Indiana, to appoint a committee to confer with the standing committee of said associated ministers be accepted, and that in conformity thereto a committee of three pastors be appointed to represent this conference, in the conference which meets to consider the important question of social purity.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

1. That grade of 80 percent, on doctrines, and 75 percent, on grammar and geography be required for admission into the conference.
2. That a grade of 80 percent, be required to pass in Reading Course.

FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE (1899)

White River Conference convened in its fifty-fourth session at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 30, 1899. Bishop Jonathan Weaver called the conference to order and led the audience in repeating the twenty-third Psalm. Rev. Andrew Wimsett, led in prayer. The Bishop called for the singing of one stanza of "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove;" and after singing the same, he asked the conference to humbly and earnestly pray for the presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit. After prayers and singing the Bishop addressed the conference in an impressive and helpful way. He said he was very grateful to God for strength to be present at this session of conference. The Bishop said he first visited this conference thirty-four years ago at Blue River Chapel. "There have been many changes since. Many have gone; they have gone from the land of the dying to the land of the living." In order to have a real good conference he exhorted that each one be filled with God's spirit, keep watch over self and walk with Christ.

Millard F. Dawson was elected secretary. The roll was called. Fifty-five ministers were present and seven absent. Thirty-two lay delegates were present. E. W. Collamore, C. C. Weimer, Millard

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Beall, and J. R. Bechtel were received into the conference. Nettie Valentine having surrendered her credentials, her withdrawal from the conference was accepted and her name was erased from the roll. Montgomery Groenendyke was suspended for one year. John Taylor Roberts and Augustus C. Wilmore were elected presiding elders.

The following resolution offered by Morton Hobson was adopted:

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with our beloved brother in the ministry, Rev. M. L. Bailey, who so long has labored with us, and we deeply regret that he cannot be with us, and we pray that he may be speedily restored to health.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HISTORY

With pleasure we listened to the reading of the manuscript of the history prepared by A. C. Wilmore at your request. It is accurate, concise and condensed, and will be invaluable in time to come. We recommend that it be published in full, printed and bound with the minutes of this session, that the broadest possible publicity may be given to it, being assured of the beneficial influence it will exert in favor of our denomination.

S. B. Ervin
D. O. Darling
W. F. Hunt
Committee

Rev. D. M. Harner, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and Rev. W. A. Oler, of the Radical United Brethren Church were introduced to the conference. Rev. John R. Brown had died during the year.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

REV. MORTON HOBSON

Morton Hobson entered Indiana Conference in 1887 and was ordained in 1890. He devoted three years to active ministry in Indiana Conference. In 1892 he transferred to White River Conference where he served the following charges: 1892, Kokomo; 1893, Noblesville; 1894, Greenwood, two years; 1896, St. Paul; 1897, Middletown; 1899, Warrington, two years; 1901, Dublin, two years; 1904, Richmond, five years; making fifteen years service in White River Conference. At the meridian of life he exchanged time for eternity.

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CHAPTER VIII

PHENOMENAL GROWTH OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1899-1909)

WHITE River Conference entered upon the activities of this period with sixty-two ministers of the gospel, and eight thousand six hundred members. The Young People's Societies had a membership of more than fifteen hundred. The Sabbath-school enrollment numbering seven thousand five hundred, with over one thousand officers and teachers. It had one hundred and five churches, worth one hundred forty-four thousand dollars. Its pastors received in salaries over seventeen thousand dollars, and its Sunday-school offerings amounted to two thousand two hundred dollars, and it contributed to the cause of missions over twenty-two hundred dollars. The total contribution for all purposes amounted to more than forty-five thousand dollars. The conference had forty active itinerant ministers in the field including the presiding elders, with this strong working force it closed up the nineteenth century and entered upon the threshold of the new twentieth century.

FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1900)

The fifty-fifth session of White River Conference was held at South Wabash, Indiana, beginning August 29, 1900, Bishop J. S. Mills presiding. Millard F. Dawson was elected secretary. The roll was called. Forty-two ministers were present and twenty were absent. The number of lay delegates present was fifteen. George M. Myers and Archie Dallas Williams, were received into the conference. Marshall R. Myer was received on his transfer from Central Illinois Conference, and W. L. DeMunbrun from the Des Moines Conference. Rev. H. W. Lashbrook was received subject to his transfer from Indiana Conference. Eli Scott was received on his credentials from the Methodist Protestant Church. Carrie Boose, was granted an open transfer.

Rev. Ithamer V. McCarty, who resided near Anderson, and who had been sick for two weeks with ptomaine poisoning was so determined to attend the conference at the South Wabash Church, where he had been pastor four years, that he rode on a cot in the

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express train fifty-two miles to the conference, but was unable to attend its sessions after reaching Wabash. He was made the subject of prayer by the conference. He returned home in the same manner that he went, and his death occurred in a few days after his return.

An interesting feature of this session of conference was the Bible readings conducted by Bishop Mills at the morning hour of each day's session.

Augustus C. Wilmore and J. T. Roberts were elected presiding elders. Harrison Harrell had died during the year. The Bishop appointed Alonzo Myer, D. O. Darling, William Gossett, J. E. Shannon, W. N. Sleeth, G. A. Lambert and Samuel Wertz, a committee to select a permanent location at which to hold the annual conference sessions.

FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1901)

The fifty-sixth session of White River Conference, convened at Kokomo, Indiana, September 4, 1901, Bishop Kephart presiding. Millard F. Dawson was elected secretary. The roll was called.

The following ministers were present: Elders, L. O. Blake, D. A. Boyd, P. C. Bechdolt, J. A. Bray, J. A. Bushong, D. P. Coldren, D. O. Darling, M. F. Dawson, S. B. Ervin, O. E. Evans, C. A. Fields, Henry Good, William Gossett, M. Groenendyke, T. J. Halstead, Morton Hobson, Charles E. Hunt, W. F. Hunt, Hiram S. James, W. M. Karstedt, A. Kissel, F. H. Linville, C. A. Love, Laura Love, O. F. Lydy, E. J. Mattox, F. S. Minshall, F. M. Moore, Z. C. Mower, Alonzo Myer, M. R. Myer, J. E. Paddock, J. F. Reynolds, A. C. Rice, M. A. Robbins, J. T. Roberts, Alva Roberts, C. J. Roberts, E. J. Scott, J. E. Shannon, W. N. Sleeth, W. H. Sarff, Allie Sipe, M. M. Thomas, J. W. Utsler, E. G. Walk, W. L. Waldo, L. K. Waldo, T. W. Williams, A. R. Williams, A. C. Wilmore, A. S. Whetsel, J. H. Wyant and D. W. Zartman. Present, fifty-five.

Licentiates: J. B. Parsons, E. M. Roberts, H. J. Russell, W. H. Shepherd, E. W. Collamore, Millard Beall, J. W. Gibson, D. E. Johnson, G. E. Landon, C. P. Martin, G. M. Myers, O. Whitecotton, Archie D. Williams, E. C. Veal, and Albert Moody Shaw. Present, fifteen.

The following ministers were absent: Elders, M. L. Bailey, L. O. Chenoweth, L. W. Crawford, H. W. Lashbrook, Daniel Stover,

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N. S. Tranbarger, and Emma Trowbridge. Absent, seven. Licentiates: C. C. Weimer, and M. L. Wottring. Absent, two. Total seventy-nine.

Twenty-eight lay delegates were present. George E. Landon and Albert Moody Shaw, applicants, were received into the conference. D. A. Boyd and T. J. Halstead were received on their transfers from the Miami Conference. D. E. Johnson and J. W. Gibson were received into the conference. W. L. Waldo and M. L. Wottring were admitted to membership subject to their transfer. Augustus C. Wilmore and J. T. Roberts were elected presiding elders. Rev. Ithamer V. McCarty had died during the year. Charles J. Roberts, Frank H. Linville and Oscar F. Lydy were ordained. The twenty-third General Conference which convened at Frederick, Maryland, in May, 1901, dissolved the Auglaize Conference, which was disposed of as follows:

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE, 1901

The Auglaize Conference Record, page 605, contains the following:

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE DISSOLVED

At the General Conference held at Frederick City, Maryland, May, 1901, the Auglaize Conference, composed of thirty-three charges, with two presiding elder districts was dissolved.

Seventeen charges—Lima Station, Sidney, Wapakoneta, Santa Fe, Harrod, Delphos, Elida, Kepburn, Dunkirk, St. Marys, Middlepoint, Hedges, Wren, Peoria, Pleasant Grove, Rockford, and Payne, were attached to Sandusky Conference; five charges—Piqua, Lockington, Rosewood, Yorkshire, and Rose Hill, were attached to the Miami Conference; six charges—Geneva, Portland, Phoenix, Collett, Redkey, and Saratoga, were attached to the White River Conference; five charges—Fort Wayne Station, Decatur, Monroeville, Ossian, and Tocsin, were attached to the St. Joseph Conference.

Total membership in the conference, 7005; value of church property, $154,740; value of parsonage property, $10,350; paid pastors' salaries, $16,545; presiding elders' salaries, $1517.

The following preachers were received into White River Conference on transfer from Auglaize Conference: P. C. Bechdolt, D. A. Boyd, Charles A. Fields, H. Good, A. Kissel, William L. Waldo, Loren K. Waldo, Aaron S. Whetsel, and W. H. Shepherd.

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FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1902)

White River Conference met in its fifty-seventh session at Marion, Indiana, September 3, 1902, Bishop E. B. Kephart presiding. M. F. Dawson was elected secretary. Sixty-five ministers were present and twelve absent. The charges were represented by forty-one delegates. Charles E. Lambert and Jesse H. Nall, applicants, were received into the conference. John T. Roberts and James E. Shannon were elected presiding elders. James B. Parsons, Henry J. Russell, W. H. Shepherd, and Oliver Whitecotton were ordained. Daniel Stover and Milo L. Bailey had died during the year.

FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1903)

This session of conference was held at Geneva, Indiana, beginning September 3, 1903, Bishop E. B. Kephart presiding. M. F. Dawson served as secretary. The roll was called.

The following ministers were present: Elders: P. C. Bechdolt, L. O. Blake, D. A. Boyd, J. A. Bray, C. N. Broughman, J. A. Bushong, D. P. Coldren, L. O. Chenoweth, H. C. Clark, D. O. Darling, M. F. Dawson, S. B. Ervin, O. E. Evans, William Gossett, Morton Hobson, C. E. Hunt, W. F. Hunt, H. S. James, M. O. Jarvis, W. M. Karstedt, Alfred Kissel, F. H. Linville, C. A. Love, Laura Love, O. F. Lydy, F. M. Moore, Z. C. Mower, Alonzo Myer, M. R. Myer, J. B. Parsons, J. F. Reynolds, M. A. Robbins, J. T. Roberts, Alva Roberts, C. J. Roberts, H. J. Russell, E. J. Scott, J. E. Shannon, W. H. Shepherd, W. N. Sleeth, W. H. Sarff, Allie Sipe, M. M. Thomas, N. S. Tranbarger, E. G. Walk, W. L. Waldo, L. K. Waldo, O. Whitecotton, A. C. Wilmore, A. S. Whetsel, Emma Wright and D. W. Zartman. Present, fifty-two.

Licentiates: A. D. Williams, D. E. Johnson, G. E. Landen, C. P. Martin, G. M. Myers, C. C. Weimer, M. L. Wottring, Millard Beall, B. R. Inman, and N. E. Tillman. Present, ten. Eleven elders and two licentiates were absent.

Thirty-seven lay delegates were present. A. J. Brock, C. S. Hanson, R. G. Hammond, J. M. Dawson and L. P. Cooper were received into the conference. H. Good was granted a transfer to Sandusky Conference and H. W. Lashbrook to Lower Wabash Conference. B. R. Inman, N. E. Tillman, Horace C. Clark, and Charles N. Broughman, were received on their respective transfers. Jacob

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K. Wyant was received on his credentials from the Methodist Protestant Church. John T. Roberts and Millard F. Dawson were elected presiding elders. Rev. A. C. Wilmore presented a form for a constitution for the Preachers' Aid Society, which was adopted.

The conference provided that these articles of association composing the constitution should be incorporated under the laws of the State, which was accordingly done. The conference elected the following officers of the Preachers' Aid Society: President, F. M. Moore; secretary, D. O. Darling; treasurer, J. F. Reynolds; directors, James E. Shannon, Augustus C. Wilmore, William Gossett, and John T. Roberts.

FIFTY NINTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE (1904)

The fifty-ninth session of White River Conference was held at First Church, Marion, Indiana, August 31, 1904.

Bishop E. B. Kephart presided and J. E. Shannon served as secretary.

The roll was called. Fifty-eight preachers were present and twenty-two were absent. Thirty lay delegates were present.

Raymond Fletcher, R. A. Illk and William T. Sanders, candidates for the ministry, were admitted to the conference.

Nathan P. France, J. L. Ickes and Ira S. Swezey were received into the conference on their transfers.

Millard F. Dawson and John T. Roberts were elected presiding elders

George M. Myers, and Archie Dallas Williams were ordained.

ENTERING THE CITIES AND TOWNS

The militant army of the United Brethren Church, not unlike the military forces of nations, caught the spirit of conquest and although the Church organized its army for a warlike campaign, the conflict was carried forward under the Captain of our salvation, instead of a heroic chieftain of an earthly army. Like the aggressive military leaders of ancient times these modern United Brethren commanders after a careful survey selected their fields of operation with a view to a victorious encounter.

While the United Brethren Church adopted a polity similar to that of the Episcopal bodies and a doctrine in agreement with the advocates of Arminianism, yet in a most important sense this

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American Church differed from those churches which were the outgrowth of religious denominations whose progenitors came from the British Isles, or continental Europe, where ecclesiastical institutions were more or less patterned after monarchial forms and systems.

That difference is evidenced in our democratic form of government and our striking dissimilarity to the undemocratic regulations and practices of these foreign-born ecclesiastical organizations.

In its polity and in all of its teaching the United Brethren Church emphasizes the tenets of civil and religious liberty. It was among the first churches of this country to place restrictions upon slavery and intemperance, and its people everywhere advocate the principles of freedom, enunciated in the colonial Declaration of Independence, and incorporated in the Constitution of the United States.

Hitherto in the history of the world, mountains had been found necessary for the preservation of human liberty. Thermopylae, Morgaten, Bannockburn were all fought where precipitous hill-sides and narrow valleys prevented the champions of freedom from being overwhelmed by numbers, and where a single man in defense of his home would wield more power than ten men in attack. The tyrants who lorded it over plains had learned by dear experience to shun mountains and avoid collisions with mountaineers; and in case of controversies, they always endeavored to gain by stratagem what they could not obtain by force. Austrian tyranny had dashed itself in vain against the Alps, and English tyranny had turned back southward, thwarted and impotent from the Scotch Highlands. But it was to be demonstrated that liberty might have a home in other than mountain fastnesses.

Thus this Church of the United Brethren in Christ, with the strategy of the Scotch mountaineer, and the tactics of Miltiades, the Greek General, began its movements in the early part of this new century for its complete occupancy of Pendleton, its historic march with its watchword of "On to Richmond," and its protracted siege of the magic city of Muncie.

The occupancy of Pendleton was accomplished after years of tedious toiling, and earnest endeavor. Notwithstanding the Pendleton class was formed in 1887 the society never had anything more than a temporary claim on a house of worship until 1902, when the beautiful and substantial brick edifice was erected at the northeast corner of High and Pearl Streets, which appears to be, in the light of recent events, the most strategic location of this prospective city.

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Our church in the last three years has come into its own by doubling its membership, and effecting a standardization with the highest percentage of efficiency. It may be said that in some measure Pendleton Church is the successor of the old White Chapel Class, which was formed in 1838. In this old church house White River Conference held its second annual session in February, 1848, and its sixth session in August, 1851.

The following members of our Pendleton Church were formerly members of that old class at White Chapel; namely, Leora Mingle Davis, Electa Jackson Pritchard, Eliza J. Rummel, and Isaiah Sharrett.

While Rev. C. N. Broughman organized a class in Richmond, in September, 1903, it remained for that heroic commander, whose loyal parents had named him in honor of the great Civil War governor in the person of Morton Hobson, to raise the battle cry of "On to Richmond," when he began his celebrated campaign in 1904 which resulted in the purchase of a splendid church on the northwest corner of Eleventh and B streets in the heart of Richmond, Indiana, in 1906. This victorious beginning was perpetuated by the appointment to that charge in 1909 of that great leader and eminent pastor, the Rev. Hiram S. James, who for sixteen years has led our militant forces in that city, and county, and has added an additional property adjoining the original purchase, all of which is worth eighty thousand dollars.

In this period of the phenomenal growth of White River Conference, the eventful siege of the city of Muncie is entitled to special mention. The beginning of our present church organization in Muncie occurred in June, 1901, when Rev. D. E. Johnson formed our Industry Class with thirty-five charter members. The society secured a lot on Macedonia pike, south of Twelfth street and erected a frame church on this lot in 1902 at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars. The new church erected in 1923 cost twenty-four thousand dollars.

In the spring of 1903, Rev. R. G. Hammond began work in the northern part of Muncie. He organized the Riverside class with sixty-five members. In November 1903 a lot was purchased at the northwest corner of Wheeling and Neely avenues, upon which a brick church was erected at a cost of eight thousand dollars. This church has a membership of three hundred sixty-eight.

The first entrance into the city of Muncie having been effected by our spiritual Captain Rev. D. E. Johnson, who commanded our

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forces that invaded the city in June, 1901, by the way of the south gate, and established his quarters at Industry in the southeast part of the city; so the second entrance was effected in April, 1903, at the north gate by Rev. R. G. Hammond, who established his quarters at Riverside in the northwest part of the city.

The third invasion of Muncie was by Rev. J. W. Gibson who entered the city by the west gate, and who formed the Normal City class with fourteen charter members. The Normal City Church was completed and dedicated July 3, 1909, at a cost of twelve thousand dollars.

The fourth invasion of Muncie was by its east gate. The outcome of this assault was the formation of the Fountain Square class in a hall at the corner of Macedonia and Willard streets, with twenty charter members. This society experienced quite a struggle in the start, and met with serious opposition not only from other denominations, but from some of those within the gates of our Zion.

However, on the tenth day of November, 1914, it was officially recognized by Presiding Elder Shannon, who proceeded to appoint Rev. A. C. Wilmore to the pastorate, who occupied that position seven years. On May 15, 1916, Richard F. Freeman, Augustus C. Wilmore and Theodore Brown, trustees, purchased a lot on the southeast corner of Blaine and Seymour streets at a cost of five hundred dollars upon which a church house was erected under the pastorate of Rev. Marion E. Stadler in 1922. The lot and building have a valuation of seven thousand dollars.

The present membership of these four Muncie churches exceed twelve hundred, and the church buildings have a valuation of fifty thousand dollars, to which should be added three parsonages valued at eleven thousand dollars.

SIXTIETH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1905)

White River Conference convened in its sixtieth session at Riverside Church, Muncie, Indiana, August 23, 1905, Bishop George M. Mathews, presiding. James E. Shannon was elected secretary. The roll was called.

The following ministers were present: M. V. Bartlett, L. O. Blake, J. A. Bray, D. P. Coldren, M. F. Dawson, O. E. Evans, S. B. Ervin, N. P. France, M. Hobson, C. E. Hunt, R. W. Harlow, B. R. Inman, R. A. Illk, H. S. James, M. O. Jarvis, F. H. Linville, C. A.

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Love, O. F. Lydy, G. E. Landen, G. M. Myers, Z. C. Mower, Alonzo Myer, M. R. Myer, J. B. Parsons, E. H. Pontius, J. F. Reynolds, M. A. Robbins, H. W. Robbins, S. A. Robbins, C. J. Roberts, J. T. Roberts, H. J. Russell, E. J. Scott, J. E. Shannon, W. H. Shepherd, A. C. Wilmore, M. M. Thomas, N. S. Tranbarger, L. K. Waldo, W. N. Sleeth, Allie Sipe, J. W. Utsler, A. D. William, W. L. Waldo, A. S. Whetsel, D. O. Darling, William Gossett, and F. M. Moore. Present, forty-eight.

Licentiates: C. P. Martin, D. E. Johnson, N. E. Tillman, J. H. Nall, W. T. Sanders, Millard Beall, J. W. Gibson, C. E. Lambert, A. M. Shaw, and A. J. Brock. Present, ten.

Twenty-one elders and six licentiates were absent. Total, eighty-five. Forty lay delegates were present. E. H. Pontius of St. Joseph Conference and F. M. Davis from Miami Conference were received on their transfers. The name of D. A. Boyd was placed on the conference roll he having returned his transfer issued one year ago. H. L. Boyd, R. W. Harlow, M. V. Bartlett, H. W. Robbins, S. A. Robbins, ordained elders of the Radical division of the United Brethren Church were received into the conference on their credentials. A. Kissel, J. L. Ickes, and R. G. Hammond were granted transfers. B. R. Inman, R. A. Illk, H. L. Boyd and George E. Landen, were ordained. Millard F. Dawson and Hiram S. James were elected presiding elders. Alonzo Myer and Augustus C. Wilmore were elected members of the Court of Appeals.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we shall expect hereafter that all the licentiates in this annual conference and the committees on the Course of Study shall have the examinations in connection with the sessions of the Conference Institute, so that examinations at the sessions of the annual conference may be dispensed with.

(Signed) J. E. Shannon
M. F. Dawson

White River Conference, Saint Joseph and the Indiana Conferences having united for the purpose of founding an institution of learning, and a site having been selected south of the city of Indianapolis upon which the administration building had been erected, the board of trustees composed of representatives from these three annual conferences, chose the name of Indiana Central University for their institution of learning. Preparatory to the opening of

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educational work in this institution this annual conference made an offering of thirteen hundred dollars for the benefit of Indiana Central University.

SIXTY-FIRST SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1906)

The sixty-first session of White River Conference met at Hartford City, Indiana, August 22, 1906, Bishop G. M. Mathews presiding. James E. Shannon was elected secretary. The roll was called.

The following conference members were present: M. V. Bartlett, L. O. Blake, J. A. Bray, C. M. Broughman, D. P. Coldren, M. F. Dawson, S. B. Ervin, O. E. Evans, M. P. France, R. L. Fletcher, W. M. Griffin, M. Hobson, C. E. Hunt, R. W. Harlow, H. S. James, C. A. Love, Laura Love, O. F. Lydy, G. E. Landen, F. H. Linville, G. M. Myers, Z. C. Mower, Alonzo Myer, M. R. Myer, J. B. Parsons, E. H. Pontius, J. E. Paddock, J. F. Reynolds, M. A. Robbins, H. W. Robbins, S. A. Robbins, C. J. Roberts, J. T. Roberts, C. H. Stratton, W. N. Sleeth, W. H. Shepherd, Allie Sipe, John Seelig, G. E. Swartz, J. E. Shannon, J. W. Utsler, N. S. Tranbarger, W. L. Waldo, L. K. Waldo, A. C. Wilmore, Emma Wright, D. W. Zartman, D. A. Boyd, C. A. Fields, W. F. Hunt, B. R. Inman, H. J. Ketner, C. P. Martin, E. J. Scott, M. M. Thomas, A. D. Williams, A. S. Whetsel, O. Whitecotton, D. O. Darling, William Gossett. Present, sixty.

Licentiates: J. H. Nall, J. W. Gibson, C. C. Weimer, Millard Beall, C. E. Lambert, A. M. Shaw, A. J. Brock, L. P. Cooper, E. P. Day, J. F. Hargrave, W. A. Settle, H. T. B. Walker. Present, twelve.

Sixteen elders and two licentiates were absent. Total, ninety S. S. Condo of the Congregational Church was received into the conference on his credentials. Francis M. Moore and Henry J. Russell had died during the year. Millard F. Dawson and Hiram S. James were elected presiding elders. Charles P. Martin, C. H. Stratton and N. E. Tillman were ordained.

Bishop E. B. Kephart who had devoted considerable of his time toward the founding of Indiana Central University had died during this conference year. He was a strong man in the church, having a thorough education and having been president of our Western College in Iowa thirteen years, and four years a member of Iowa State Senate, and having filled the office of bishop in the United Brethren

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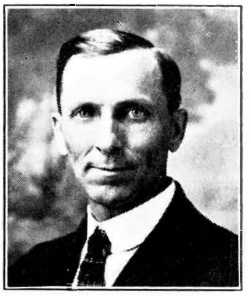

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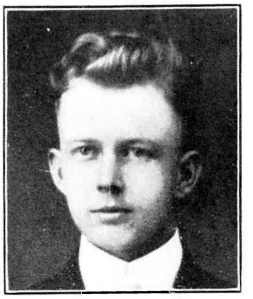

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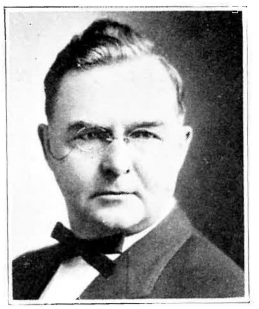

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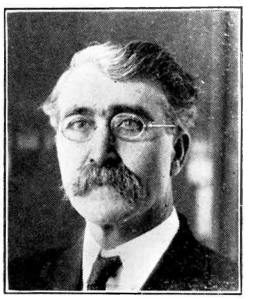

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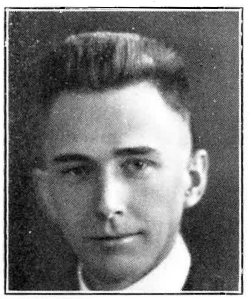

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Church for twenty-four years, he had won distinction throughout the nation. His great work will abide and his name will be honored through the coming generations.

SIXTY-SECOND SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1907)

The sixty-second session of White River Conference was held at Anderson, Indiana, beginning August 14, 1907, Bishop G. M. Mathews, presiding. J. E. Shannon served as secretary.

The roll was called. The following ministers were present: Elders: M. V. Bartlett, L. O. Blake, J. A. Bray, C. N. Broughman, M. F. Dawson, S. B. Ervin, O. E. Evans, N. P. France, W. M. Griffin, J. W. Gibson, T. H. Harmon, Morton Hobson, C. E. Hunt, W. F. Hunt, R. W. Harlow, H. S. James, H. J. Ketner, C. A. Love, Laura Love, O. F. Lydy, G. E. Landen, F. H. Linville, G. M. Myers, Z. C. Mower, Alonzo Myer, M. R. Myer, J. H. Nall, J. B. Parsons, E. H. Pontius, S. L. Postlethwait, J. E. Paddock, M. A. Robbins, H. W. Robbins, S. A. Robbins, C. J. Roberts, J. T. Roberts, W. H. Shepherd, Allie Sipe, John Seelig, E. E. Swords, N. S. Tranbarger, J. W. Utsler, W. L. Waldo, L. K. Waldo, A. C. Wilmore, J. H. Wyant, D. W. Zartman, D. O. Darling, William Gossett, B. R. Inman, D. E. Johnson, C. P. Martin, A. C. Rice, J. E. Shannon, M. M. Thomas. Present, fifty-five.

Licentiates: W. A. Bartlett, Harry Burchard, A. J. Brock, L. P. Cooper, E. P. Day, J. F. Hargrave, C. K. Saylor, H. T. B. Walker, C. E. Lambert, W. A. Settle, Millard Beall. Present, eleven. Twenty-six elders and one licentiate were absent. Total, ninety-three.

Forty-seven lay delegates were present. T. H. Harmon was received on his transfer from the Northern Illinois Conference. A. B. Arford was received subject to his transfer from Indiana Conference. H. C. Clark was granted a transfer to St. Joseph Conference. D. A. Boyd died during the year. Hiram S. James and Millard F. Dawson were elected presiding elders. J. Walter Gibson, Daniel E. Johnson, Jesse H. Nall and C. S. Hanson were ordained.

SIXTY-THIRD SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1908)

White River Conference convened in its sixty-third session at Richmond, Indiana, August 12, 1908, Bishop G. M. Mathews pre-

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siding. James B. Parsons was elected secretary. The roll was called.

The following ministers were present: Elders: C. E. Ashcraft, M. V. Bartlett, L. O. Blake, J. A. Bray, J. H. Barker, C. N. Broughman, M. F. Dawson, O. E. Evans, N. P. France, J. W. Gibson, Morton Hobson, C. E. Hunt, R. W. Harlow, T. H. Harmon, H. S. James, D. E. Johnson, J. R. Knipe, Grace Knipe, C. A. Love, Laura Love, O. F. Lydy, G. E. Landen, F. H. Linville, C. P. Martin, G. M. Myers, Z. C. Mower, Alonzo Myer, M. R. Myer, J. H. Nall, J. B. Parsons, E. H. Pontius, S. L. Postlethwait, J. E. Paddock, M. A. Robbins, H. W. Robbins, J. T. Roberts, C. J. Roberts, W. H. Shepherd, Allie Sipe, John Seelig, E. E. Swords, W. L. Waldo, L. K. Waldo, A. C. Wilmore, A. D. Williams, J. H. Wyant, D. W. Zartman, D. O. Darling, William Gossett, W. F. Hunt, B. R. Inman, S. B. Ervin, Emma Miller, E. J. Mattox, G. L. Mattox, Alva Roberts, J. F. Reynolds, J. E. Shannon, M. M. Thomas. Present, fifty-nine.

Licentiates: A. B. Arford, W. A. Bartlett, Emmett P. Day, L. E. Eaton, A. Edrington, C. K. Saylor, Albert Moody Shaw, Millard Beall, W. A. Settle, H. T. B. Walker. Present, ten. Twenty-two elders and five licentiates were absent. Total, ninety-six.

Forty-four lay delegates were present. L. E. Eaton, Alexander Edrington and Sherman Cross were admitted to the conference. Joseph R. Knipe, Grace Knipe of Missouri Conference and Samuel L. Postlethwait of West Virginia Conference were received into the conference on their transfers. C. E. Ashcraft of Southwest Kansas Conference was received subject to his transfer. Charles W Snodgrass of the Christian Church was received on his credentials. G. H. Barker of Auglaize Radical Conference and T. E. Kinnaman of the White River Radical United Brethren Conference were received on their transfers. C. S. Hanson was granted an open transfer. Lewis W. Crawford and Sarah Almira Robbins died during the year. Millard F. Dawson and John T. Roberts were elected presiding elders.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. MILO L. BAILEY

Milo Lamb Bailey was born in Perry Township, Wayne County, Indiana, March 16, 1832, and died at New Castle, Indiana, February 2, 1902, having almost completed seventy years. His death was the result of repeated paralytic strokes. His first stroke occurred March 12, 1892, during the time he served as presiding elder. He

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continued to serve a charge until he had a third stroke, which occurred July 29, 1899, at the close of his year on Pendleton Circuit. From this stroke he never recovered. He was taken home and was an invalid until his death, a period of two and one-half years. He married Betsy Jane Brooks, December 2, 1852, who is still living at the writing of this sketch. To them were born three sons and two daughters, all of whom excepting one daughter are living. On July 5, 1856, he and his wife joined the Church of the United Brethren in Christ at Sugar Grove, Wayne County, Indiana, and ever since continued faithful members of the church. Brother Bailey entered White River Conference in 1865 and was ordained in 1868.

He served the following appointments all in White River Conference; namely, 1866, Bloomingsport Circuit, two years; 1868, Dublin, two years; 1870, Middletown, three years; 1873, Williamsburg, two years; 1875, Agent Hartsville College, one year; 1876, presiding elder Marion District, one year; 1877, pastor Middletown Circuit, one year; 1878, Stoney Creek, one year; 1879, Dublin, one year; 1880, Bethel (Gaston), two years; 1882, Fall Creek (Noblesville), two years; 1884, Honey Creek (Greenwood), three years; 1887, Lincolnville, one year; 1888, Stony Creek, nine months; and presiding elder, Dublin District, three months; 1889, pastor Montpelier Circuit, one year; 1890, presiding elder, Indianapolis District, four years; 1894, pastor Anderson, one year; 1895, Middletown, two years; 1897, Pendleton, two years; having served twenty-seven years as pastor; five years as presiding elder and one year as college agent.

During the pastorate of Brother Bailey he received 1234 into the church, built five churches, and served five years as presiding elder. He represented White River Conference in three General Conferences, as follows: 1889, 1893, and 1897. His unswerving fidelity was fully tested. During the period of his itinerancy, there were two schisms within our conference. The one of 1869 when a number of so-called liberals withdrew from the conference, and the one of 1889, when nearly half of the ministers in the conference withdrew from the church, and united with the Radicals. In both of these schisms Brother Bailey had tested his unflagging loyalty by tenacious adherence to the church, and its constituted authority. His allegiance was also tested under other very trying circumstances.

After having sacrificed his home to continue in the active itinerancy and being cramped financially until he was compelled to work with his hands to support his family, yet under such a trying ordeal

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he continued in the active work, and he stated to the author of this book on his dying bed that he "had never resigned a charge nor permitted an appointment to be dropped from any of his charges." To enable him to serve the Bethel charge, he threshed wheat all week until Saturday noon, then took the train from New Castle to Elwood, and from there he walked ten miles on Saturday evening to Knox Chapel to his appointment.

During his long affliction his whole conversation was in regard to the church, and his brethren in the ministry. He gave abundant evidence of his complete preparation for the life beyond. He received his call to his heavenly home February 12, 1902. The cheerful happy spirit that characterized him in health was his charming possession in his long suffering. He doubtless wears a many-starred crown in his palace in glory.

REV. F. M. MOORE

Francis Marion Moore was born in Randolph County, Indiana, April 19, 1835, and died at his home near Hagerstown, Indiana, July 4, 1906, at the age of seventy-one years. He was united in marriage to Barbara McCullough, November 17, 1869. To this union were born two sons, Samuel A. and Charles A., the latter died in infancy. He entered White River Conference in 1873 and was ordained in 1877.

The following is a list of his assignments: 1875, Lincolnville; 1877, Stony Creek, two years; 1879, Middletown, one year; 1880, presiding elder, Marion District; 1881, presiding elder, Dublin District, one year; 1882, New Castle, one year; 1883, Lincolnville Circuit, three years; 1886, Cherry Grove, Miami Conference, two years; 1888, Brookville, Miami Conference, one year; 1889, Marion District, one year; 1890, Lincolnville, one year; 1892, Anderson, two years; 1894, Selma, one year;and 1895, Williamsburg, one year. He served Sugar Grove Circuit and Frankton Circuit one year each. Having given a total of twenty-two years to the active ministry; four years of which was spent as presiding elder.

As a pulpit orator Rev. Francis M. Moore was gifted. He preached the word eloquently and powerfully. As a conversationalist he was pre-eminent. His qualifications as a revivalist were of the first order. He was very much attached to his home and family. His funeral services were held in the Sugar Grove Church near Hagerstown, Indiana. He has passed on to the life immortal which was the theme of many of his discourses.

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SIXTY-FOURTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1909)

The annual session of White River Conference met at Redkey, Indiana, September 1, 1909, Bishop G. M. Mathews, presiding. James B. Parsons was elected secretary.

The roll was called. The following ministers were present: Elders: M. V. Bartlett, W. A. Bartlett, C. W. Bauman, Millard Beall, L. O. Blake, J. A. Bray, G. H. Barker, C. C. Breden, O. P. Cooper, M. F. Dawson, O. E. Evans, J. H. Elder, N. P. France, W. M. Griffin, W. H. Halberstadt, M. Hobson, C. E. Hunt, R. W. Harlow, John A. Hawkins, Hiram S. James, E. J. Jenkins, D. E. Johnson, P. F. Kettring, T. E. Kinneman, S. E. Long, C. A. Love, Laura A. Love, J. R. Knipe, Grace Knipe, H. W. Lashbrook, O. F. Lydy, G. E. Landen, A. D. Markley, C. P. Martin, J. M. McHargue, Elmer Mater, H. J. Musselman, G. Myers, Alonzo Myer, M. R. Myer, Z. C. Mower, J. H. Nall, M. W. O'Brien, J. B. Parsons, S. L. Postlethwait, E. H. Pontius, F. D. Pugh, J. E. Paddock, M. A. Robbins, H. W. Robbins, J. T. Roberts, C. J. Roberts, M. K. Richardson, John Rosenbarger, C. I. Roush, J. E. Shannon, W. H. Shepherd, Allie Sipe, G. E. Swartz, John Seelig, E. E. Swords, William Vail, J. M. Tuggle, W. L. Waldo, L. K. Waldo, A. C. Wilmore, A. D. Williams, C. C. Weimer, J. H. Wyant, D. W. Zartman, P. C. Bechdolt, D. O. Darling, W. M. Givens, William Gossett, S. B. Ervin, T. H. Harmon, H. J. Ketner, Emma Miller, J. M. Osborn, J. F. Reynolds, W. H. Sarff, M. M. Thomas, N. S. Tranbarger, A. S. Whetsel. Present, eighty-five.

Licentiates: Robert Ayres, T. B. Kelsey, A. Edrington, N. W. Gray, A. B. Arford, C. K. Saylor, L. E. Eaton, W. A. Settle, H. T. Walker. Present, nine.

Twenty-seven elders and seven licentiates were absent. Total, one hundred twenty-eight. Forty-nine lay delegates were present. Robert Ayres and N. W. Gray were admitted to the annual conference. J. M. Osborn was received into the conference on his transfer from Indiana Conference.

The following brethren were received on their transfers from the Lower Wabash and Upper Wabash Conferences: C. W. Bauman, C. C. Breden, W. M. Givens, W. H. Halberstadt, P. F. Kettring, S. E. Long, A. D. Markley, T. J. Richey, M. W. Smeltzer, J. A. Hawkins, H. W. Lashbrook, John Rosenberger, E. J. Jenkins, J. M. McHargue, Ira Mater, Elmer Mater, D. Shonkwiler, William Vail,

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Taylor B. Kelsey, C. I. Roush, R. B. Van Allen, J. M. Tuggle, J. Lewis, G. W. Wiley, O. P. Cooper and T. D. Pugh, making a total of twenty-eight. This list of ministers who were received into White River Conference on their transfers were members of the Upper and Lower Wabash Conferences whose territory in Indiana was apportioned to the Indiana, White River and Saint Joseph Conferences, hence they came by transfer as representatives of said territory. John A. Hawkins, M. F. Dawson and J. T. Roberts were elected presiding elders. George H. Barker and Millard Beall were ordained.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

We present the following comparison of the statistics of 1899 and 1909.

STATISTICS OF YEAR ENDING IN 1899

Number of ministers, 62; number of church members, 8117; number of Sabbath schools, 96; Sabbath-school enrollment, 6663; teachers and officers, 932; Young People's Societies, 37; number of members, 1366; Religious Telescopes, 652. Pastors' salaries, $15,826; presiding elders' salaries, $1345; church expenses, $9307; collected for Sabbath schools, $1021; collected for missions, $2194. Total for all purposes, $35,233. Number of church houses, 115; value of church houses, $135,770; number of parsonages, 8; value of parsonages, $8261.

STATISTICS OF YEAR ENDING IN 1909

Number of ministers, 100; number of church members, 12,854; number of Sabbath schools, 125; Sabbath-school enrollment, 13,311; teachers and officers, 1472; Young People's Societies, 51; number of members, 2144; Religious Telescopes, 794. Pastors' salaries, $37,638; presiding elders' salaries, $2362; church expenses, $9757; collected for Sabbath schools, $6033; collected for missions, $3490. Total for all purposes, $94,336. Number of church houses, 124; value of church houses, $360,350; number of parsonages, 26; value of parsonages, $42,235.

It is plain to all who examined the foregoing statistics that the growth of White River Conference during these ten years was unparalleled in the history of the conference. In taking a survey of these statistics we have the following results:

The growth of the ministry shows an increase of about sixty percent; the increase of the church membership shows a gain of

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four thousand seven hundred thirty-seven, or a gain of fifty-eight percent. The gain of the Sunday schools indicates about thirty percent; the increase of the enrollment in the Sunday schools shows a gain of one hundred percent, and the increase in the number of teachers and officers exceeds fifty-eight percent. Passing to the Young People's Societies, we find there was a healthy increase in the number of societies, and the increase in the membership is about fifty-seven percent. The increase in the number of Telescopes was commendable, while the increase in the pastors' salaries was unequaled by any other such organization, being more than double that of the amount paid ten years before. The increase in the presiding elders' salaries amounts to seventy-five percent, while that of church expenses is more than trebled. The increase in the amount collected by the Sabbath schools surpasses all the rest, being more than quadrupled in the ten years, and the increase of the amount collected for missions shows an advance of sixty percent. While the total for all purposes was much more than doubled during the ten years. The number of church houses shows a healthy increase, while the value of church houses indicates a gain during the ten years of nearly a quarter of a million dollars, or three times the amount during the period.

The number of parsonages during the decade was more than trebled and the value was increased five-fold. Most certainly this growth of the conference was phenomenal, and all good people have reasons to rejoice because of our great prosperity.

NOTE—The foregoing statistics are those of White River Conference only, and do not include the statistical reports of Upper, or Lower Wabash Conferences.

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CHAPTER IX

A GREATER WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1910-1918)

THE growth and development of the original White River Conference, beginning in 1846, with thirty-seven charter members, forty-three organized churches, and eighteen hundred and sixty members, is evidenced by the fact that, during the fifty-five years ending in the year 1901, notwithstanding the numerical loss occasioned by the schism of 1889, the conference had made such progress that the statistical record of 1901 shows that we had seventy ministers, one hundred and sixteen local churches, and nine thousand twenty-five members, with a proportionate increase in the other departments of church activity. Of the remarkable gain of seven thousand one hundred sixty-five members in the fifty-five years, nearly half of that gain, or three thousand four hundred members was realized in the twelve years from 1889 to 1901, the period immediately following the Church division. The percentage of increase was the largest in the history of the conference.

The dissolution of Auglaize Conference in 1901 brought to White River Conference ten ministers, six charges, twenty local churches, twelve hundred members, and about six hundred and fifty square miles of territory, located in Indiana, south of the Wabash River, situated in Adams, Jay, Wells, Blackford, and Randolph Counties.

The General Conference of 1909 attached a part of Upper and Lower Wabash Conferences to White River Conference which added to our conference twenty-eight ministers, twenty-four charges, seventy local churches, six thousand five hundred members, and about three thousand seven hundred square miles of territory, located in the western part of Indiana. The same General Conference transferred from White River to St. Joseph Conference, the Boyleston, Kokomo, Converse and Greentown charges, composed of twelve local churches, with one thousand members, occupying a territory of about six hundred square miles. In addition to the foregoing changes, the General Conference transferred Clifty Circuit, in Bartholomew County, from White River to Indiana Conference, with five local churches, having two hundred members, occupying an area of about fifty square miles. The loss sustained by the

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transfer of these two areas offset the gain realized by the acquisition of the Auglaize Conference territory.

The above changes having been completed in 1909, we are in a position to make comparisons of developments during the decade from 1910 to 1920 with a degree of accuracy.

White River Conference occupies a middle belt across the State of Indiana, from east to west, of about one hundred forty miles in length, having an average breadth of about eighty-two miles from north to south, bounded on the north by St. Joseph Conference, and on the south by Indiana Conference. The area of White River Conference is about eleven thousand five hundred square miles.

SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1910)

The sixty-fifth session of White River Conference convened at University Heights, Indianapolis, Indiana, September 7, 1910, Bishop George M. Mathews presiding. S. Edward Long served as secretary. The roll was called.

The following ministers were present: Elders: C. W. Bauman, Millard Beall, L. O. Blake, J. A. Bray, C. C. Breden, O. P. Cooper, M. F. Dawson, O. E. Evans, N. P. France, W. M. Griffin, J. W. Gibson, W. H. Halberstadt, J. A. Hawkins, R. W. Harlow, M. Hobson, C. E. Hunt, H. S. James, D. E. Johnson, P. F. Kettring, T. E. Kinnaman, J. R. Knipe, Grace Knipe, S. E. Long, C. A. Love, Laura A. Love, O. F. Lydy, A. D. Markley, C. P. Martin, J. M. McHargue, G. M. Myers, Alonzo Myer, M. R. Myer, Z. C. Mower, J. H. Nall, S. L. Postlethwait, E. H. Pontius, H. W. Robbins, M. A. Robbins, J. T. Roberts, C. J. Roberts, M. K. Richardson, John Rosenberger, J. E. Shannon, W. H. Shepherd, Allie Sipe, G. E. Swartz, W. A. Settle, G. L. Stine, John Seelig, J. M. Tuggle, N. S. Tranbarger, J. W. Utsler, W. M. Vail, W. L. Waldo, L. K. Waldo, A. C. Wilmore, A. D. Williams, J. H. Wyant, D. W. Zartman, W. H. Barker, W. A. Bartlett, D. O. Darling, J. H. Elder, S. B. Ervin, W. M. Givens, W. Gossett, T. H. Harmon, H. J. Ketner, G. E. Landen, Ira Mater, Emma Miller, H. A. McBride, J. M. Osborn, J. F. Reynolds, Alva Roberts, F. E. Rounds, T. J. Richey, M. M. Thomas, and R. B. Van Allen. Present, seventy-nine.

Licentiates: Charles R. Archer, R. Ayres, Forest Bray, N. W. Gray, A. Fisher, T. B. Kelsey, J. P. Miller, Hawley W. Nelson, T. H. Reed, M. W. Smeltzer, Elmer S. Stewart, Ida Cunningham,

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E. B. Cunningham, A. Edrington, C. K. Saylor, E. P. Day, A. B. Arford, H. Burchard, L. P. Cooper, M. W. O'Brien, C. I. Roush, and H. T. Walker. Present, twenty-two.

Seventy-nine elders, and twenty-two licentiates present; twenty-two elders and one licentiate absent. Fifty-four lay delegates were present.

John P. Miller, Elmer S. Stewart, Forest F. Bray, Theodore H. Reed, Thomas Hawley Nelson, and Charles R. Archer, were received into the confernce. L. A. Huddleston, of Southeast Ohio, Conference; H. A. McBride, and F. E. Penny, of Upper Wabash Conference; W. M. Malsom, of Lower Wabash Conference, and E. B. Cunningham and Ida Cunningham, of North Nebraska Conference were received on their transfers. F. H. Linville was granted a transfer to Miami Conference; R. L. Fletcher to Northern Illinois Conference, and L. E. Eaton, and N. E. Tillman to St. Joseph Conference. M. Groenendyke was granted a transfer to the Presbyterian Church. At their own request the names of W. M. Karstedt, Frank Stackhouse and Elmer Mater were dropped from the roll. J. T. Roberts was elected presiding elder. W. A. Settle was ordained.

SIXTY-SIXTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1911)

The sixty-sixth session of White River Conference was held at University Heights, Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing August 30, 1911, Bishop G. M. Mathews presiding. M. F. Dawson was elected secretary. Sixty-one elders, and twenty licentiates were present. Forty-eight lay delegates were present.

Fred L. Dennis, Raymond Powell, Charles E. Lambert, John L. Higinbotham, A. M. Shaw, Charles S. Dudley and Carrie Taggert were received into the conference. O. O. Inman was received on his transfer from the Northern Illinois Conference. Joseph F. Rogers was received on his credentials from the Methodist Protestant Church. G. E. Landen and Robert Ayres were granted transfers to St. Joseph Conference. T. H. Harmon, was granted a transfer to Northern Illinois Conference. T. D. Pugh, M. Hobson, M. W. Smeltzer, S. L. Postlethwait and C. W. Snodgrass were granted open transfers. J. A. Hawkins, M. F. Dawson and J. T. Roberts were elected presiding elders.

The following resolutions were adopted by the conference:

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First, That the assessment for the Superannuated Preachers' Fund be increased at least twenty-five percent over the present assessment.

Second, That hereafter the annual conference shall select a Conference Registrar, whose duty it shall be to compile and keep from year to year an accurate appointment record of the itinerant preachers serving charges in White River Conference, and also to arrange an accurate classification and roll of the preachers for publication in the conference minutes.

Third, That said Registrar shall be an officer of the conference.

Fourth, That the foregoing shall be classed as permanent resolutions, and shall be so indicated in the conference minutes.

A. C. Wilmore was elected such Registrar. He compiled the first appointment record for the conference, which was published in this year's conference minutes.

SIXTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1912)

White River Conference convened in its sixty-seventh session at University Chapel, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 28, 1912, Bishop Mathews presiding. M. F. Dawson was elected secretary.

The roll was called and forty ministers and ten lay delegates answered to this first roll call. Melvin O. Mumford, Mack Crider and Celia Austin were received into the annual conference, and Alonzo Myer and J. G. Albert were received on their respective transfers. D. P. Coldren was granted a transfer to the Colorado Conference and O. O. Inman to Iowa State Conference. N. W. Gray was granted an open transfer. W. F. Hunt and Ira Mater died during the year. J. T. Roberts and J. A. Hawkins were elected presiding elders. C. K. Saylor, A. B. Arford, C. I. Rousch, A. I. Cross, E. B. Cunningham and Ida Cunningham were ordained.

The conference passed resolutions of commendation in regard to the Indiana Central University, and Bonebrake Theological Seminary.

SIXTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1913)

The sixty-eighth session of White River Conference convened in Kephart Memorial Chapel, Indiana Central University, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 27, 1913, with Bishop Henry H. Fout

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presiding. Millard F. Dawson was elected secretary. The roll was called and forty-nine ministers and twenty lay delegates were present.

Joseph I. Lindsey, Wayne G. Miller, and W. F. Myers were admitted into the conference. W. E. Dye and Elizabeth Chappelle were received on their transfers. J. S. Reese, H. W. Franklin and Ira C. Dawes were received subject to their transfers. John B. Smith was received on his credentials. D. W. Zartman was granted a transfer to St. Joseph Conference; Charles J. Roberts to Wisconsin Conference, and H. J. Musselman to Texas Conference. Marshall R. Myer and C. E. Ashcraft were granted open transfers. James E. Shannon was elected Conference Superintendent. The committee recommended that Elmer E. Stewart be referred to his quarterly conference. The committee also recommended that the annual conference demand the presiding elders to investigate the character of P. C. Bechdolt, at the next quarterly conference.

SIXTY-NINTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1914)

The sixty-ninth session of White River Conference was held at New Castle, Indiana, beginning August 26, 1914, with Bishop H. H. Fout presiding. Millard F. Dawson was elected secretary. The roll was called and fifty-six ministers and thirty-four delegates were present.

T. B. Kelsey, V. B. Goss, C. C. Fruth, F. T. Atkinson, H. C. Schlarb, Charles G. McCrocklin, and Clancy J. Swain were received into the conference. Julius C. Shrigley and H. H. Strohl were received subject to their transfers. Thomas H. Nelson was received on his credentials from the Free Methodist Church. Z. C. Mower was granted a transfer to the Nebraska Conference. L. L. Schoonover was received subject to his transfer from Indiana Conference. Simon B. Ervin, William H. Sarff, Charles A. Love, John A. Bushong, Charles H. Stratton, Philip F. Kettring and A. D. Markley had died during the year. James E. Shannon was elected Conference Superintendent.

Bishop Henry H. Fout assisted by elders David O. Darling, William Gossett, and James E. Shannon ordained H. T. Walker, Lambert A. Huddleston, Floyd Everly, and Charles R. Archer, to the office of elders in the church by the ceremony "of laying on of hands."

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The following resolution was adopted:

We hereby record our appreciation of the good work of Indiana Central University, with its increased attendance, and financial gains, and strongly urge all our ministers and laymen in the cooperating conferences to be diligent in labors for its advancement. We recommend and commend the splendid work of the Business Manager, I. J. Good, to our people throughout the State, and ask that we, as a conference may go forward under his wise and efficient leadership to put Indiana Central University on such a financial basis for which we may all justly rejoice.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. A. C. RICE

Archibald Carrollton Rice was born in Frederick County, Maryland, March 24, 1841, and came to Indianapolis, Indiana, March 25, 1862. He was married to Frances Ellen Schofield, December 13, 1865.

He was converted at a revival meeting conducted by Rev. W. J. Pruner in the winter of 1870, and immediately felt the call to preach, but feeling his lack of sufficient education, he hesitated to take up the work, and when his oldest child died in the fall of 1871 he felt that it was because of disobedience to the divine call.

He immediately began to make preparation to attend Union Biblical Seminary, sold his farm and moved to Dayton, Ohio, in the fall of 1872, graduating in the second class of that Institution in May, 1875. He joined White River Conference, August, 1875, and was ordained in 1877.

He at once entered the active itinerant ministry, and dedicated eleven years to the great work of preaching the gospel. His life was full of generous deeds. His hospitality was unbounded, no one however unworthy, was ever turned away from his table.

The children of Rev. A. C. Rice, and wife, were Minnie Alice, wife of Rev. A. C. Wilmore, of Winchester, Indiana, Sarah Alma, wife of F. M. Brown, of Anderson, Indiana, Florence Elizabeth, wife of Roy Culbertson, near Indianapolis, Indiana, and Walter Archibald Rice, of Akron, Ohio.

His body rests by the side of his wife in the Ebenezer Cemetery, northeast of Indianapolis, Indiana. His trusting spirit has entered the realms of eternal glory.

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REV. WILLIAM FIX

William Fix was born in Clark County, Indiana, October 8, 1825. In 1832, with his parents he moved to Decatur County, Indiana, and from thence to Hartsville, Indiana, where he spent the greater part of his life. He was married to Mahala Mobley, May 28, 1848, who with one son and three daughters survived him, one daughter having preceded him in death.

He was educated in Hartsville College where he graduated in 1880. As early as 1866 he served as President of the Hartsville College trustees, being a member of the board. He also served as resident agent of the college, and conducted its business in a very efficient manner.

Professor Fix filled the "Philip Fix Chair," in Hartsville College from 1871 until his death, a period of nineteen years.

He entered White River Conference in 1868, and was ordained by Bishop David Edwards in 1872. In addition to his college work he preached on an average of about once a week for many years in his ministerial life. He was a liberal contributor to the support of his pastor, and all the other interests of the church. His cooperation with his pastor in the local church revivals was a marked feature of his service.

Professor Fix died of apoplexy at the home of his daughter at Primghar, Iowa, July 9, 1890, having nearly attained the age of sixty-five years. His funeral was held at Hartsville, Indiana, on Sunday, July 13, 1890. The Hartsville Enterprise, the local paper, has the following account of his funeral: "The funeral was the largest that has ever taken place in Hartsville. Below we give an extract from the sermon preached by Rev. A. C. Wilmore, presiding elder of Indianapolis District, and pastor of Hartsville United Brethren Church from 1884 to 1886. After announcing his text from Second Timothy 1:10, Elder Wilmore said: 'We have assembled today to honor a highly esteemed citizen, and a worthy and beloved minister of the gospel. The expression of grief, and the emblems of mourning tell us that we are in the presence of death. While our hearts are burdened with sorrow at this symbol of death we believe that our departed brother joyfully lives and reigns in the realms of eternal glory. The text sustains us in the belief that the lifeless form of our brother has only assumed the appearance of death, and that through Christ he shall be resurrected to an exalted and completed life.'" His remains quietly sleep in the college cemetery at Hartsville, Indiana.

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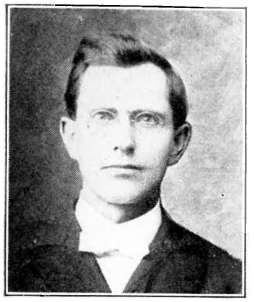

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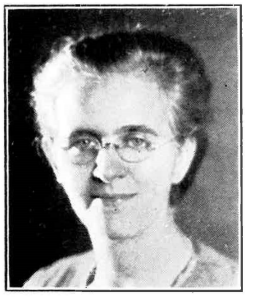

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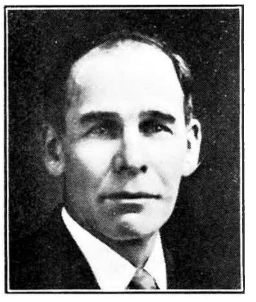

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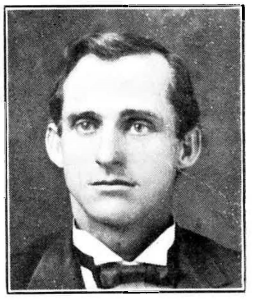

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MEMBERS OF THE WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

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REV. ALONZO MYER

Alonzo Myer was born in Shelby County, Indiana, November 10, 1849. He entered White River Conference in 1876, and was ordained in 1880. Brother Myer possessed the great advantage of excellent religious training in his early life. His father was a firm, upright Christian man and his mother was a sweet-spirited and intensely pious Christian woman. These parents experienced a great delight at seeing all their children brought to Christ and enter the church in the day of their youth. They were permitted to realize a still greater joy when their two sons, Alonzo and Asbury, both announced their call to the Gospel ministry and entered the White River Conference while they were young men and a little later gave themselves unreservedly to the active work of the itinerant ministry. He enjoyed the benefit of an intensely religious community. The Blue River United Brethren Church, which had been a strong and flourishing organization for three quarters of a century was located on the corner of his father's farm.

Alonzo Myer was converted in a revival at Blue River Chapel, at the age of seventeen, and soon after became a member of that church. He graduated in the scientific course at Hartsville College in 1884. In 1887 Hartsville College conferred upon him the degree of Master of Science. He graduated in the White River Conference Theological Institute in 1898.

He gave thirty-one years to the active ministry, five years of which he spent in the presiding eldership. He was a delegate to the General Conferences of 1901 and 1905. He was president of the Preachers' Aid Society of White River Conference for eleven years prior to his death. He was the treasurer of the conference Church Erection Society for seventeen years and served sixteen years as a member of the Court of Appeals. He departed this life at Saratoga, Indiana, where he spent his last year in the pastorate. A short time before his death he said "I have been looking for this time for many years, and I am ready to go." He passed on to the joys of life eternal. His body was laid to rest in the East Maplewood Cemetery, at Anderson, Indiana.

SEVENTIETH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE (1915)

The seventieth session of White River Conference convened at University Heights, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 25, 1915, with Bishop Henry Harness Fout presiding. Millard F. Dawson served

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as secretary. When the list of cherished names were called, Bishop Fout requested the conference members to arise and stand with bowed heads while the names of these soldiers of the Cross who had dedicated their lives to the ministry of Christ were read. A solemn quiet pervaded the audience while the names of seventy-four ministers were reverently repeated by the secretary. This service was a most impressive one. Sixty-two elders, and twenty-four licentiates were present.

Wilbur R. Montgomery, Noah Dunn, Leslie E. Smith, Roscoe S. Parr, and William T. Sanders were received into the annual conference. M. P. Kindred and E. A. Struble were received on their transfers from Indiana Conference, and O. J. Bogard on his transfer from the Lower Wabash Conference. C. A. Dwyer and H. A. Bogard were received subject to their transfers from the Lower Wabash Conference. James B. Parsons was received on his transfer from the Oregon Conference; C. J. Fox from the East Ohio Conference, and J. L. Brandenburg from Indiana Conference. Charles E. Small was received on his credentials from the Radical United Brethren Church; C. B. Small from the Christian New Light Church; C. N. Broughman from the Reformed Church in the United States, and William Milburn from the Michigan Christian Church. Robert W. Harlow was granted a transfer. C. S. Dudley, H. L. Boyd, John Reese and George E. Swartz were recorded as having irregularly withdrawn from the church. James E. Shannon was elected Conference Superintendent. John Seelig and J. Lewis had died during the year. E. A. Struble, W. E. Dye and Fred L. Dennis were ordained.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

REV. ITHAMER VIRGIL McCARTY

Ithamer Virgil McCarty, son of Benjamin and Angeline McCarty, was born in Hancock County, Indiana, and died in North Anderson, Indiana, September 6, 1900, aged 46 years, 10 months and 12 days. He was married to Etta B. Whitinger, January 31, 1883. To this union three sons were born—Harold, Ernest and Justin Castle. Brother McCarty was converted and joined the United Brethren Church in the great revival at Warrington, Indiana, in February, 1877. He received license to preach from the quarterly conference, March 24, 1883. He was admitted to White River Conference, August 12, 1887, and ordained an elder, August 27, 1893. He served the following charges as pastor: beginning in 1877, Marion Circuit,

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two years; 1891, Pendleton Circuit, one year; 1892, Lincolnville Circuit, four years; 1896, Elwood Circuit, one year; making a total of eight years in the pastorate. During his pastorate of eight years he received 893 members into the church, built three churches, valued at $4700, and collected for all purposes $12,043. His greatest work was accomplished on Lincolnville charge, where in four years he received 447 members into the church. He began with 263 members and closed with 577, a net gain of 314 members. His predecessor received $560 salary, and when Brother McCarty had served the charge three years, it paid him over $800. It was from this charge that he led the pastors on the conference mission funds, and that he reported eighty-seven Telescope subscriptions; the largest number ever secured in one year by a pastor in White River Conference. So well did he serve Lincolnville Circuit, that, at the close of his pastorate, it was divided into two circuits, both of which are now good charges. In 1899 he was appointed Conference Evangelist and participated in the great revivals at Greentown and Frankton. At the session of our conference in 1900 he was appointed to Frankton charge.

He was a wonderful man, his magnetic personality, his intensely evangelistic sermons, and his soul stirring appeals touched the hearts of the greatest sinners, who completely broke down and fell upon their knees, crying to God for mercy. His power over men worked like magic. When he laid his hand upon their shoulders and breathed the name of Jesus into their ears, their hard hearts began to melt, and they were willing to turn away from their sinful lives and reach forth their hands under the strain of a strong conviction, and bow as penitents before Almighty God, where they passed through a great soul-struggle, at the close of which they found the peace that passeth understanding. And Jesus became to them "the fairest among ten thousand, and the one altogether lovely."

His funeral occurred at Anderson, Indiana, September 8, 1900. Rev. S. B. Ervin read the Scripture and Rev. H. S. James offered prayer. A discourse was delivered by the author, from Hebrews 11:4, "He being dead yet speaketh."

A life so charming, and a follower of Jesus Christ who strongly imitated his master, was such a choice character that the Lord called him, and bestowed upon him "a crown of never fading glory." We hope to meet him in the sweet by and by, and until that happy hour we will cherish the memory of his consecrated life, and his triumphant death.

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His sacred dust sweetly sleeps in the old cemetery on the north side of White River at Anderson, Indiana, to await the resurrection of the just.

SEVENTY-FIRST SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1916)

The seventy-first session of White River Conference met in the First United Brethren Church, of Wabash, Indiana, August 30, 1916. Bishop Fout presiding. M. F. Dawson served as secretary. The roll was called. Sixty-seven elders and nineteen licentiates were present. Forty-two lay delegates were present.

W. H. Peyton was admitted to the annual conference. Taylor A. Garriott, R. B. Lopp were received on their transfers from Indiana Conference, and A. D. Williams from Nebraska Conference. Joseph A. Carter was received on his credentials from the Radical United Brethren Church and D. P. Coddington from the Christian Church. J. B. Smith was given a transfer to St. Joseph Conference. Samuel Garrigus was restored to his former conference relationship as an ordained elder in the church. W. H. Shepherd and E. J. Jenkins had died during the year. James E. Shannon was elected Conference Superintendent.

The following ministers were ordained: Mack Crider, Alexander Edrington, Joseph I. Lindsey, Julius C. Shrigley, Forest F. Bray, Amzi D. Smith, and Celia Austin.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

REV. H. J. RUSSELL

Henry John Russell was born in Wayne County, Indiana, May 16, 1852. He entered White River Conference in 1894 and was ordained in 1902. He was powerfully convicted and graciously converted at a revival meeting four miles north of Hartford City, Indiana, December 26, 1877. Many were so overjoyed at his conversion that they shouted aloud the praises of God. The same night he joined the United Brethren Church, under the pastoral labors of the writer by whom he was baptized April 19, 1878. Brother Russell's early training was of an intensely religious character. His father and mother were very pious and greatly devoted to the cause of Christ. His faith in Christ was greatly strengthened by the revival triumphs which swept over the country in the months

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immediately after his religious awakening. He witnessed hundreds of conversions in the great revivals in Blackford County during those stirring times.

In cooperation with his brother Samuel Russell, and the devout Sunday-school superintendent and exhorter John Seelig, two spiritually minded young men, Brother Henry Russell went far and near to assist his pastor in revival work. Over two hundred persons were converted and brought into blessed fellowship with Christ in the succeeding six months after his conversion. In company with his pastor and these two young men, Brother Russell tramped through the mud and waded the swamps to labor in the glorious work of leading sinners to the foot of the cross of Christ.

Rev. Henry J. Russell was married to Delilah Burk, July 4, 1878. To this union were born one son and three daughters, all of whom with the sorrow-stricken wife survived him. He dedicated ten years to the active ministry, and proved himself to be quite efficient both as pastor and evangelist. As a pastor he was very highly esteemed. He possessed a most cheerful and religious spirit and was a glad and enthusiastic messenger of the gospel of Christ. His work is done and he has entered into rest and the crown of love and immortality has been placed upon his brow.

SEVENTY-SECOND SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE (1917)

The seventy-second annual session of White River Conference was held at University Heights, Indianapolis, Indiana, beginning August 29, 1917, Bishop Fout presiding. M. F. Dawson served as secretary. The roll was called by the secretary and fifty-one ministers and twenty laymen answered to their names.

Elmer L. Weimer, John Oates Lewis and B. H. Spratt, applicants, were received into the annual conference. A. D. McKain was received on his transfer from Indiana Conference. C. A. Modlin was received on his credentials from the Methodist Episcopal Church, and J. H. Cochran from the Christian Church. J. H. Elder was granted a transfer to the St. Joseph Conference. G. L. Stine and J. L. Higenbotham were granted transfers to the Montana Conference. The names of I. C. Dawes and B. R. Inman were erased from the conference roll, they having joined another church. Charles A. Fields and Laura A. Love had died during the year. James E. Shannon was elected Conference Superintendent. G. Ray-

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mond Powell, Joseph A. Carter and Charles E. Lambert were ordained by Bishop H. H. Fout, assisted by three elders.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. S. B. ERVIN, D.D.

Simon B. Ervin was born in Franklin County, Indiana, December 18, 1843. He entered White River Conference in 1864 and was ordained in 1868. He was the youngest of nineteen children, only one of the family surviving. He was converted and joined the Church of the United Brethren in Christ when a young man. He received his collegiate education at Hartsville College. He graduated from that institution and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in June, 1878. Three years later Hartsville College conferred on him the degree of Master of Arts. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Brother Ervin by Lane University, Lecompton, Kansas, in 1887.

Brother Ervin entered the active itinerant ministry August 12, 1866, and was appointed to Blue River Circuit. His subsequent appointments in this conference were as follows: 1868, Indianapolis; 1868-1870, Greenwood; 1871, presiding elder, Indianapolis District; 1872-1873, Hartsville; 1874, Indianapolis District; 1875, Clifty; 1876, Dublin District; 1877, Hartsville; 1878, Marion District.

In 1879 he was transferred to the Michigan Conference in which he served in the pastorate three years from 1879 until 1882. In 1882 he was elected presiding elder by Michigan Conference which position he held one year. Brother Ervin was chosen president of Lane University at Lecompton, Kansas, in 1883, and served in that position for four years. During that time he raised ten thousand dollars for the endowment. Then followed one year as pastor of our church at Kingman, Kansas. He then moved to Union City, Indiana, where he served as pastor of Union City charge, Miami Conference for one year, after which he served as pastor at Anderson three years. He passed to his crowning, December 28, 1913.

REV. D. A. BOYD

D. A. Boyd was born in Licking County, Ohio, December 18, 1846. When he was about eight years of age his father moved to Union County, Ohio. In 1861 he volunteered in the service of his country, and in 1867 he was converted. Mr. Boyd was married to

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Miss Florence Mahan in 1869, and in 1885 he joined the Auglaize Conference in which he did faithful service. He was ordained in 1889.

D. A. Boyd was transferred to White River Conference in 1901, when the Auglaize Conference was dissolved. He devoted about twenty years to the active ministry, and was a successful itinerant preacher. He proved himself a valiant soldier in the war for the Union. He was a man of sterling qualities and his life was above reproach. His death occurred May 23, 1907. Like those whom John saw of whom he declares that he was told that they were those who had come up out of great tribulation and washed their robes white in the blood of the Lamb, so our Brother Boyd who marched with the boys in blue in the days of the Civil War, now marches with the white-robed saints in the realms of peace and life eternal.

REV. WM. M. VAIL

William M. Vail was born June 20, 1845. He entered Upper Wabash Conference in 1876 and was ordained in 1880. He gave twenty years to the active ministry and was a most faithful and acceptable pastor. He accepted his appointments in the spirit of consecration and however hard and difficult his fields of labor may have been he put duty before choice; and rendered loyal service to the church and the blessed master. When Upper Wabash Conference was dissolved, he transferred to White River Conference, where he dedicated the last three years of his life to the great work of the itinerant minister. Like a valiant hero of the cross with his face to the front he fell at his post of duty. Beloved brother, we cherish his name, and we expect to meet him again, and see him in the light of glory with the triumphant crown, which the thorn-crowned King placed upon his head.

REV. CHAS. A. LOVE

Charles Alexander Love was born in Randolph County, Indiana, March 3, 1856. He was converted at the age of nineteen and soon after joined the church. For ten years he preached in the Methodist Protestant Church, then transferred to the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. He united with the White River Conference and continued in the active pastorate until his last sickness and death. He was ordained in 1892. His death occurred February 21, 1914, at the age of fifty-eight years, having given twenty-five years

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to the active itinerancy. To the realms of the blessed his joyful spirit has taken its flight and he reigns with the saints on high.

EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE CONFERENCE

The Educational work of White River Conference began shortly after its organization. Hartsville College, founded at Hartsville, Indiana, in 1852, did a good work during the forty years of its existence. It supplied both Indiana and White River Conferences with their leaders for a period of fifty years. Ministers, lawyers, physicians, judges, legislators, business men, and hundreds of teachers in public schools and colleges were trained at Hartsville College.

INDIANA CENTRAL COLLEGE

Indiana Central College was founded in 1902. In the early part of that year William M. Karstedt succeeded in interesting a prominent real-estate man of Indianapolis in a proposition to establish an institution of learning for the United Brethren Church in the vicinity of the capital of the State. The present site of Indiana Central College about three or four miles southeast of the heart of the city of Indianapolis was selected. At the session of White River Conference in 1902 the plan was approved to enter into negotiations with a view to establish such institution of learning. St. Joseph Conference at its session of 1902 voted to cooperate with White River Conference and a year later Indiana Conference joined with these two conferences in a plan to establish an educational institution at this location near Indianapolis.

Indiana Central College experienced quite a struggle during the first fifteen years of its existence, but in 1918 under the administration of President I. J. Good, a campaign was inaugurated to raise an endowment of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for that institution. The result of this drive exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the friends of the college. When the contributions had been added it was found that the assets of the college had been increased $371,076.

At the present time this college has a strong faculty, a constituency of nearly one hundred thousand church members, in the five cooperating conferences, and an attendance of about five hundred students. In addition to the administration building two large residences have been purchased with modern conveniences, for the use of students, and three large dormitories and a gymnasium have been erected upon the large campus of sixty acres.

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Since the educational work began in the administration building in 1905, the assets have increased from less than one hundred thousand dollars to almost eight hundred thousand dollars, and the institution occupies a place in the front ranks of our western colleges.

SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1918)

White River Conference met in its seventy-third session at Portland, Indiana, August 27, 1918, with Bishop Fout presiding. M. F. Dawson served as secretary. The secretary called the roll and sixty ministers and twenty-two lay delegates responded to their names.

On motion the Bishop and secretary were elected a committee to send telegrams to President Woodrow Wilson and United States Senators, James E. Watson and Harry S. New, stating to them that White River Conference absolutely favors immediate war prohibition.

The Record contains the following: "A kind letter was read by Bishop Fout from our good brother, Rev. D. O. Darling, in which he states that he is in very feeble health but his hopes for heaven are bright and the Savior's grace is his strength and joy."

Noel Schull, Wade H. Farley, W. E. Albea and Lura Jones, applicants, were admitted to the annual conference. L. B. Venatta and D. H. Pellett were received subject to their transfers and classified in the first year's course. C. C. Gohn was received on his transfer from East Ohio Conference. Raymond L. Fletcher and E. T. Aldrich were received subject to their transfers. Alexander Edrington was marked as having irregularly withdrawn from the conference. T. E. Kinnaman had also withdrawn from the conference and the church which was so recorded. Alonzo Myer, William M. Givens and George L. Mattox had died during the year. J. E. Shannon was elected Conference Superintendent. William T. Sanders and Charles G. McCrocklin were ordained.

At the request of the conference Church Erection Board, Rev. A. C. Wilmore read a form for a new constitution of the Church Erection Society, which was adopted by the annual conference. On motion the conference provided for the incorporation of the Church Erection Society, under the laws of the state. The following Board of Trustees of the Church Erection Society was elected by the annual conference; namely, Augustus C. Wilmore, president;

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Millard F. Dawson, vice-president; William L. Waldo, secretary; Millard Beall, treasurer, and James E. Shannon, David O. Darling and John A. Bray, trustees.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

The growth of the Greater White River Conference from 1909 until 1918 is demonstrated by the following figures which indicate the advance in all of the departments of the church within this annual conference during that time. The remarkable feature connected with the progress of the conference is the fact that there was an increase in all of the interests of the church throughout that period.

The number of ministers had an increase of twenty-nine, the percentage is indicated by the same number. The church membership had a net increase of 9589, or seventy-four percent. The increase in the number of Sabbath schools showed a gain of twenty-seven, or twenty-two percent. The teachers and officers showed an increase of 654, or forty-four percent. The Sabbath-school enrollment had a gain of 11,016 or eighty-two percent, while the average attendance advanced 2484, or thirty-two percent.

The increase in the number of Young People's Societies was twenty-four, or forty-seven percent, while the number of members of the Endeavor Societies gained 1078, making fifty percent. The number of subscribers to the Religious Telescope was increased five hundred and twenty-six or sixty-six percent.

Pastors' salaries advanced $35,081, or ninety-three percent during this period of nine years; while the presiding elders' salaries had a healthy advance which was continued throughout the term of the Conference Superintendent—the successor of the presiding elders.

The local current expenses mounted from $9757 to $20,671, being more than double, or over one hundred percent increase. The amount collected for Sabbath-school purposes was increased $3697, making a gain of sixty-one percent. The sum collected for benevolences advanced $16,763, which was more than double the amount raised for the several interests included in the benevolences during the year ending in 1909. The total for all purposes amounted to $215,497, making an increase of $121,161, or over one hundred percent.

There was an increase of fifty in the number of church houses, making an advance of forty percent, while the value of church property reached the unprecedented amount of $283,283.

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The increase of seventeen in the number of parsonages brought the number up to forty-three, which was an advance of sixty-five percent. The parsonage property attained a value of $75,424, making an advance of $33,189, or a gain of seventy-eight percent.

From the foregoing account it is evident that White River Conference had experienced an era of prosperity unexcelled in this or any other religious denomination in this country.

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CHAPTER X

THE CLOSING PERIOD OF THE PIONEER CENTURY

(1918-1925)

AN eminent historian has said that, in order to estimate "the power of the Gospel in these later times to work out great results in individual experience, and through the influence upon society, of believers, animated by the Christian spirit, the reader must resort to the volumes of Christian biography. It is only through the details of personal history, that a vivid impression is gained of the power that is stored up in the Gospel, now as in the past, to inspire the human soul with affections and hopes that reach into the world unseen, and to furnish the motives and means of social reform."

The above statement is given in support of the practice of the author in presenting the biographical sketches of the preachers of the Gospel, whose labors have assisted in building up the church in the territory now occupied by the White River Conference.

We repeat what has already been mentioned, that only the biographies of our departed brethren, who have rendered notable service; or who have given at least ten years in the active ministry within the borders of the greater White River Conference District, are placed in this history.

SEVENTY-FOURTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1919)

This session of conference convened at University Heights, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 26, 1919, Bishop Fout presiding. Millard F. Dawson served as secretary. The roll was called, forty-five ministers and twenty-four lay delegates were present.

John C. Roberts, Seth I. Hart, Roy Laswell and Forest Reed, applicants, were received into the conference. R. E. Webber was received on his transfer from Illinois Conference. John Rosenberger was granted a transfer to St. Joseph Conference. C. A. Dwyer and C. N. Broughman were granted transfers to Michigan Conference; Fred L. Dennis to Miami Conference, and George M. Myers to Illinois Conference. W. E. Albea was granted an open transfer. Thomas Nelson, having withdrawn in an irregular manner, his name was erased from the conference roll. David O.

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Darling and Samuel Garrigus had died during the year. James E. Shannon was elected Conference Superintendent. Roscoe S. Parr, Vernon B. Goss and Melvin O. Mumford were ordained.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. A. D. MARKLEY

A. D. Markley, son of George and Anna Markley, born February 13, 1849 in Medina County, Ohio, moved to Owen County, Indiana, in 1864, where he received a common school education and taught school successfully for ten years. Reared in the Mennonite faith he joined the United Brethren Church in 1890, continuing an active itinerant until his death March 19, 1914.

During this time he traveled the best charges in and around Terre Haute. Married, May 28, 1871, to Sarah Funk; she survives him together with five daughters, Mrs. Flora Frairs, Mrs. Alma Schaffer, Mrs. Anna Maybaugh, Mrs. Sue Williamson and Miss Mary. Also two sons, George and John. Brother Markley was an affectionate and indulgent husband and father, an efficient preacher, faithful pastor, successful soul-winner, nearly eight hundred members having been added during his pastorates. Above all, he was a fine Christian man. Funeral was at First Church, Terre Haute, March 20, 1914, conducted by Revs. L. O. Blake, Wm. H. Halberstadt, T. J. Richey, and others. Farewells were spoken of one of the efficient ministers of old Lower Wabash Conference, and in recent years of White River Conference.

REV. WILLIAM H. SARFF

William H. Sarff was born October 4, 1843, near Saratoga, Indiana, and died May 10, 1914, at his home near Winchester, Indiana. Rev. Mr. Sarff was the youngest of ten children. He grew up on the farm. Both his parents were faithful Christians. Brother Sarff was converted and received into the Methodist Church in December, 1856, at Old Prospect, where he served as a faithful class leader for ten years. He was united in marriage to Mahala Warren in the year 1862. To their union were born eight children, two having preceded him to the great beyond and six survive him and are faithful men and women of God. Mrs. Sarff having died, he was again united in marriage to Miss Celina Halverson of Minnesota, November 4, 1886. To this union were born three children.

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Brother Sarff felt his call to the ministry about the year 1875, and obeyed the voice of God, receiving his first appointment in Minnesota in the United Brethren Conference, September 7, 1878. He was licensed to preach by Bishop Milton Wright, being sent to his charge where he served almost sixteen years. His salary for the first year including appropriations was $118, traveling more than five thousand miles and preaching three times on Sunday. His ministerial service extended over twenty-three years. He was ordained to the ministry by Bishop Jonathan Weaver, October 13, 1883. Preaching in Minnesota until 1896, and because of failing health, Brother Sarff moved back to his home community where he was a faithful, loyal, devoted and never failing friend to the church and pastor.

SEVENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1920)

The seventy-fifth session of White River Conference convened in Barbour Avenue Church, Terre Haute, Indiana, August 31, 1920, Bishop H. H. Fout presiding. Millard F. Dawson served as secretary. The secretary called the roll and there were forty-eight ministers and seventeen lay delegates present.

Elmer Roy Schwartz, George F. Snyder, Emanuel E. Eckerly, Flossie Farley and Morton W. Sebring, applicants, were received into the conference. Lee Allen McIntyre, Lillian C. McIntyre, were received on their transfers from Southeast Ohio Conference, and R. E. Webber from Illinois Conference. J. B. Connett, H. A. Barton, and C. T. Shortridge, were received subject to their transfers from Illinois Conference. M. F. Sherrill, an ordained elder in the Christian Church, was received on his credentials from said church. W. H. Seagraves was granted a transfer to the St. Joseph Conference. Elmer L. Weimer and B. H. Spratt were dropped from the conference roll, they having irregularly withdrawn from our church. C. C. Breden, F. E. Rounds, and R. B. VanAllen had died during the year. James E. Shannon was elected Conference Superintendent. The secretary called the roll at the opening of the third day's session, and seventy ministers and sixty lay delegates were present. Clancy J. Swain was ordained an elder in the church.

A. C. Wilmore having filed Articles of the Incorporation of White River Annual Conference with the Secretary of State in the morning of August 31, 1920, in the afternoon of that date he read

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the report of the Committee on Incorporation which was adopted by the conference. The Articles are recorded in the Minutes.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. J. A. BUSHONG

John A. Bushong was born in May in the year, 1828. His earlier Christian life was spent in the Methodist Church. Back in the eighties when Rev. D. O. Darling was pastor of the First Church, Indianapolis, Brother Bushong and his good wife joined our church, and when Brother Darling organized the Second Church, these good people became charter members of the new organization and Brother Bushong was the main financial help of this organization. When it became necessary to move the church to a new location this good man backed the financial part of the work. Once again when the present splendid building was erected, Brother Bushong and his good wife, then growing old, found themselves out of money, but they had in their possession twelve lots in the city of Indianapolis, and just four weeks before Sister Bushong stepped into eternity and nearly three years before Reverend Bushong passed away, they deeded to the Brookside Park United Brethren Church in Indianapolis, these twelve lots, now valued at about $4,500. This paper cannot in any adequate way express the appreciation of this magnificent gift.

Rev. J. A. Bushong entered White River Conference in 1891, and was ordained in 1894. He dedicated two years to the itinerant ministry. Having been a soldier in the Civil War, after the decease of his wife, he spent the last days of his life in the Soldiers' Home at Lafayette, Indiana. He passed on to his crown July 3, 1914. His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Oxford, Indiana.

REV. JOHN SEELIG

John Seelig, son of Henry and Louise Seelig, was born in Blackford County, Indiana, March 21, 1856. He was converted in December, 1875, and joined the United Brethren Church. He was chosen Sunday-school superintendent, which position he filled for several years. He entered White River Conference in 1882 and was ordained in 1885. He dedicated twenty-six years to the active ministry, all of which was spent in the pastorate.

He was married to Florilla Champ, Dublin, Indiana, April 27, 1887. She, with an infant son died in one year. Brother Seelig was

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married the second time to Maggie B. Murphy, of Miami County, Indiana, March 31, 1891. To this union two sons and one daughter were born, the daughter having died at the age of six years. Brother Seelig's death occurred at Dublin, Indiana, April 27, 1915, at the age of fifty-nine years one month and six days. His death occurring on the twenty-eighth anniversary of his marriage to Miss Florilla Champ.

He was truly a spirit-filled man. In his young manhood he dedicated his life to the service of God. He became an intense laborer in his Lord's vineyard, and was a most efficient and successful personal worker. In company with his pastor, the writer, he went from house to house in Blackford County, from 1877 to 1880, wading through snow, mud and water, appealing to men and women to come to Christ. Together we had the great joy of seeing hundreds of souls won to Christ. He believed that his call to the ministry was from God and with this sublime conviction, he went forth to fill his God-given mission without regard to personal comforts or pecuniary support. His life among men was that of a true prince of Israel. His death was gloriously triumphant. After much toil and suffering, Jesus came and folding his divine arms about him, he carried him in exaltation to the paradise of God.

SEVENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE (1921)

This session of White River Conference assembled in the United Brethren Church at Anderson, Indiana, August 31, 1921, Bishop Fout presiding. M. F. Dawson acted as secretary. "Intercession" was the subject of the Bishop's opening address. He emphasized the importance and necessity of prayer as taught by a praying Savior. It was a great message. The roll was called and eighty-two ministers and forty-eight lay delegates responded to their names, making a total of one hundred and thirty members present.

Someone remarked that this was the largest response ever made in the history of the conference at the "First Roll Call."

Paul E. Chalfant, Raymond A. Shoemaker, Roy V. Davis, and Dean M. Ferguson, applicants, were received into the conference. Mathias Davis was received on his transfer from Indiana Conference. D. H. and Celia A. Pellett were granted transfers to St. Joseph Conference; Amzi D. Smith, to Indiana Conference, and M. P. Kindred to Montana Conference. John H. Wyant, Philip Curtis

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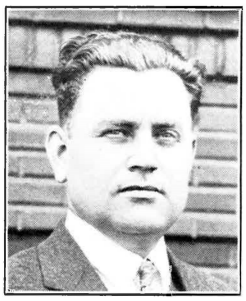

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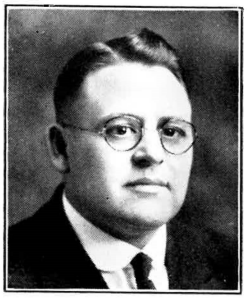

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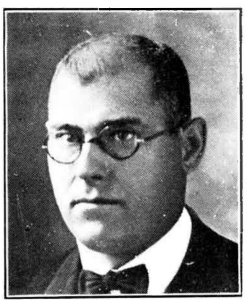

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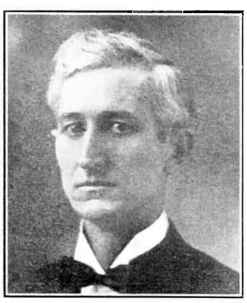

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MEMBERS OF THE WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

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Bechdolt and Aaron Smith Whetsel had died during the year. James B. Parsons was elected Conference Superintendent. Frank T. Atkinson, Melvin S. Bittner, Curtis C. Fruth, Alpha B. McKain, John P. Miller and Leslie E. Smith were ordained.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. W. H. SHEPHERD

W. H. Shepherd entered Auglaize Conference in 1889, when the conference dissolved in 1901, he transferred to the White River Conference. He was ordained in 1902. His entrance to the active ministry occurred in 1889, when he dedicated his life to this holy work, in which he toiled for a period of twenty-seven years. He possessed a most congenial nature and was greatly beloved by his parishioners, as well as his brethren in the ministry. He was a very successful pastor, and the fruits of his evangelistic labors are most abundant. Thousands who knew him will cherish his memory with most affectionate regard. The Lord called him May 11, 1916. His work is done and he has entered into rest, sweet rest! Such a rest as comes to the righteous man and the consecrated servant of Jesus Christ.

REV. E. J. JENKINS

E. J. Jenkins entered Upper Wabash Conference in 1884 and was ordained in 1888. He transferred to White River Conference in 1909, after the dissolution of the Upper Wabash Conference. He consecrated thirty-two years to the active itinerant ministry. His love for the church and his devotion to the cause of Christ were of the highest order. Through heat and cold, far and near, he went forth with a trusting heart and God gave him many precious souls for his hire.

On the twenty-sixth day of March, 1916, Jesus called him saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

REV. C. A. FIELDS

Charles A. Fields was born in Hawkins County, Tennessee, December 2, 1830, and died in Gas City, Indiana, July 8, 1917, aged eighty-six years seven months and six days. He came to Indiana with his father's family in 1832,where he resided during his long life, most of that time near Saratoga, Randolph County.

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He was married to Sarah Diehl in 1851, with whom he lived about forty years, her death occurring in the year 1891. To this union eight children were born, six of whom are still living. He was converted at the age of thirteen years. Brother Fields and his wife were received into the fellowship of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in 1853, in which they continued faithful members until death. Brother Fields was admitted to membership in the Auglaize Conference in the year of 1870. Two years later he entered the active work in which he continued for a period of ten years—all in the Auglaize Conference. His relation with the Auglaize Conference continued until its dissolution in the year 1901, when he was transferred to the White River Conference, and given a superannuated relation.

Brother Fields was a man of pleasing personality. His social qualities were of a high order. He possessed elements of strength, both in the pastoral and evangelical service. While in the superannuated relation he was a successful and consecrated teacher in the Sabbath school, and was a faithful and loyal supporter of his pastor and the various church interests.

His funeral was held in the United Brethren Church at Saratoga, Indiana, July 10, 1917, in the presence of a large audience, conducted by Rev. J. W. Lower, of the St. Joseph Conference, assisted by Revs. Alonzo Myer and A. C. Wilmore, of White River Conference. His body was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Saratoga, to await the resurrection of the just.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1922)

White River Conference convened in its seventy-seventh session at University Heights, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 29, 1922, Bishop Fout presiding. The conference secretary M. F. Dawson called the conference roll and the following members answered to their names:

Ordained Elders: Bishop H. H. Fout, Charles R. Archer, Melvin S. Bittner, J. L. Brandenburg, J. A. Bray, Elizabeth Chappelle, J. H. Cochran, L. P. Cooper, J. B. Connett, M. F. Dawson, O. E. Evans, Floyd Everly, N. P. France, C. C. Fruth, C. C. Gohn, Vernon B. Goss, William Gossett, W. M. Griffin, H. S. James, Joseph Knipe, Grace Knipe, O. F. Lydy, C. P. Martin, C. G. McCrocklin, William Milburn, M. O. Mumford, J. B. Parsons, G. Ray-

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mond Powell, H. W. Robbins, M. A. Robbins, J. T. Roberts, C. I. Rousch, L. L. Schoonover, W. A. Settle, J. E. Shannon, J. C. Shrigley, Charles E. Small, Leslie E. Smith, E. A. Struble, W. L. Waldo, and A. C. Wilmore. Present, forty-two.

Licentiate preachers: J. O. Lewis, T. B. Kelsey, John C. Roberts, Elmer Roy Schwartz, Paul E. Chalfant, Roy V. Davis, Emanuel L. Eckerly, W. R. Montgomery, Forest Reed, George F. Snyder, Raymond A. Shoemaker, and R. E. Webber. Present, twelve. Total, fifty-four.

Lay delegates: Eliza Williamson, John Stevens, Prof. S. Wertz, E. B. Newhouse, Colon Parks, Granville Jones, Charles Snyder, William Entwistle, Willis Holliman, Lulu Bugh, and Robert Callahan. Present, eight. Total at first roll call, sixty-two.

H. E. Conn, Isham L. Curts, C. E. Guthrie, Charles W. Leader, Colon Parks, Jasper C. Stadler and Marion E. Stadler, applicants, were received into the conference. S. Edward Long was received subject to his transfer from Illinois Conference; A. H. M. Stonecipher was received on his credentials from the Methodist Episcopal Church. Herbert A. Barton was transferred to the Illinois Conference. Joseph I. Lindsay, Raymond L. Fletcher and Charles E. Lambert were each granted transfers. James Madison Tuggle had died during the year. James B. Parsons was elected Conference Superintendent. John Oates Lewis, Henry C. Schlarb, William H. Peyton, Morton W. Sebring, and Alvin H. M. Stonecipher were ordained.

REV. LAURA A. LOVE

Laura Alice Love, daughter of Morris H. and Elizabeth McKee Roberts, was born in Wells County, Indiana, October 3, 1860. She spent the early years of her life in the vicinity of her birth, attending the country schools in the neighborhood. For a time she was a student in Hartsville College where she did good work and formed many friendships.

She was happily converted when young and lived a faithful Christian throughout her life. Soon after conversion she felt the divine call to preach the gospel and she was not disobedient to the heavenly call. She was married to Rev. Charles A. Love on July 25, 1885. She entered White River Conference in 1898. By appointment of conference she served as pastor the following charges and years, beginning 1906 at Greenwood; 1907-1908, Marion, Spencer Avenue; 1909-1910, Marion Circuit; 1911-1915, Marion, Spencer

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Avenue; 1916, she was faithfully serving Union Chapel Church when suddenly called from labor to reward, in her tragic death April 28, 1917. As a martyr to the great cause she went to her crowning.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1923)

White River Conference convened in its seventy-eighth session at Wertz Memorial Church, Columbus, Indiana, August 28, 1923, Bishop Fout presiding. M. F. Dawson served as secretary.

The roll was then called and the following ministers were present: J. B. Parsons, Charles R. Archer, A. Bash Arford, Frank T. Atkinson, Millard Beall, M. S. Bittner, J. L. Brandenburg, John A. Bray, Joseph A. Carter, D. P. Coddington, L. P. Cooper, J. B. Connett, Millard F. Dawson, O. E. Evans, Floyd Everly, C. J. Fox, N. P. France, Vernon B. Goss, William M. Griffin, Hiram S. James, Joseph R. Knipe, J. O. Lewis, S. E. Long, O. F. Lydy, C. P. Martin, C. G. McCrocklin, Emma Miller, William Milburn, Melvin O. Mumford, H. W. Robbins, M. A. Robbins, C. I. Rousch, W. T. Sanders, L. L. Schoonover, W. A. Settle, James E. Shannon, M. F. Sherrill, J. C. Shrigley, Charles E. Small, E. A. Struble, William H. Todd, Augustus C. Wilmore, Wade Farley, Taylor B. Kelsey, Flossie Farley, George F. Snyder, Paul E. Chalfant, Isham L. Curts, Roy V. Davis, Emanuel E. Eckerly, Roy Laswell, Charles W. Leader, Colon Parks, Forest Reed, Marion E. Stadler, and R. E. Webber. Present, fifty-seven.

Twenty-six lay delegates were present as follows: Maggie D. Bercaw, Milford Barrick, Asa Davis, R. Z. Wilcoxen, H. L. Weller, Robert Reeves, Anna Alstatt, Willis Holliman, C. S. Mylin, Walter Cale, Omer McSherry, Herman Harper, P. W. Journey, S. S. Hull, Edna Walker, David Snyder, Charles P. Snyder, Randolph Harney, Sadie Farthing, D. S. Richardson, Clyde Beauchamp, Boswick Dice, Alma Kettring, Sylvia Mars, Taylor Bailey, and Samuel Wertz. Present, twenty-six.

Claude Croy, Claude O. Hittle and Frank E. Lees, applicants, were admitted to the conference. James A. Brenneman was received on his transfer from Sandusky Conference. Dwight R. Lusk of the Christian Church and Albert Moody Shaw of the Orthodox Friends Church were received on their credentials from their respective churches. Clinton K. Saylor and Raymond A. Shoemaker were each granted transfers to the St. Joseph Conference and A. B.

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McKain was granted a transfer to Indiana Conference. W. H. Halberstadt was granted an open transfer. William Gossett, H. A. McBride, F. E. Penny, Daniel Shonkwiler, and William L. Waldo had died during the year. James B. Parsons was elected Conference Superintendent. Wade H. Farley, Flossie Farley, Taylor B. Kelsey, Forest A. Reed, Elmer Roy Schwartz, Albert Moody Shaw and Ralph Webber were ordained.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REV. J. LEWIS

Joshua Lewis was born in 1842 and departed this life October, 1914, aged seventy-two years. After his conversion he entered into the labors of our Master's vineyard with great devotion and zeal. He was licensed to preach in 1895 and was ordained an elder in 1900. He gave ten years to the work of the itinerant ministry in the Upper Wabash Conference. He became a member of the White River Conference in 1909 at the dissolution of his conference. His loving Father promoted him to the glory of life eternal.

REV. DAVID O. DARLING

David O. Darling was born near London, Ohio, August 21, 1850. His father was a native of Vermont and his mother of West Virginia. He devoted several years to school-teaching when a young man. He graduated in the Physio Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio. He was married to Mary A. Warford, March 27, 1871, and went to Illinois and afterward to Iowa, where he practiced his profession about ten years. His children consisted of Idella Grace, Charles Monroe and David Paul, and two children who died in infancy. He was converted in his youth and afterward became a member of the United Brethren Church.

At the age of sixteen years he had a distinct and divine call to the ministry. He excused himself and delayed his entrance into the ministry. On a number of occasions, the hand of death was laid on his little ones, and believing it was for the purpose of enforcing his call to the pulpit he besought Jehovah with a promise to obey, if only the life of the little sufferer might be saved, but each time the promise was broken, though made with all good faith. But this did not always work. At last He took to himself a dear little boy. Brother Darling said "my own heart, as well as that of my dear companion, was broken." I promised the Lord, that if the way was

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opened without my having to ask for it, I was ready. In less than a week, the presiding elder came to me and asked me if I would receive license to preach if offered to me. I replied, "you do not think for a moment I could preach do you?" The presiding elder pressed the question, until he secured an affirmative answer. In 1879 I joined the Dakota Conference and asked for and received the poorest mission in the conference. My work was blessed of God abundantly, the exposure was great, but fell short of the exposure to which I had subjected my soul in refusing the voice of the Lord.

We obtained an account of the following incident from his daughter, Idella, she said her father was in charge of Elkpoint Circuit, Dakota Conference, in the conference year of 1881-1882. His charge was in a district composed of two counties including the towns of Elkpoint, Caribou and Kingsbury. In the early autumn of 1881 Brother Darling started to fill an appointment, in doing so he had to cross a stream of water without a bridge. The river was so deep that the horse was compelled to swim to get across. Brother Darling remained in the buggy and barely escaped with his life. He had been given that morning some articles of food and other things for domestic use by a brother with whom he had lodged the night before. This was swept out of the buggy by the current of water and he saved his conference minutes and other articles by placing them under him on the seat.

During the following winter he was caught in a Dakota cyclone, and when he reached home his wife found him unconscious in his buggy. With the assistance of a near neighbor she succeeded in getting him into the house. By the application of restoratives he recovered consciousness and with the aid of home remedies and careful nursing he was restored to his normal condition.

Rev. D. O. Darling transferred from Dakota Conference to White River Conference in 1884, having served a charge in Miami Conference the preceding year. He consecrated twenty-six years to the active ministry. Four years in Dakota Conference, one year in Miami Conference and twenty-one years in White River Conference. He served eight years as conference secretary, fifteen years as institute secretary and twenty-four years as director of the conference Church Erection Board. He was a delegate to the General Conferences of 1889 and 1897. He was the founder of Brookside Park Church, Indianapolis, and the Otterbein Church near Marion. He built eight churches and received sixteen hundred persons into the church. His ability as a pulpit orator was of a high order. His

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pastoral qualifications were unexcelled. His reward is a crown of immortality.

REV. R. B. VANALLEN

R. B. VanAllen was born in 1844 and was transferred to his celestial home December, 1919, having reached the ripe age of seventy-five years. He entered Upper Wabash Conference in 1883, and was ordained in 1889. He spent twenty-two years in the active ministry, all of which was in the pastorate. He transferred to White River Conference in 1909 after Upper Wabash Conference was dissolved. Brother VanAllen manifested his patriotism by enlisting and rendering loyal service to his country in the Civil War. He was a man of fine spirit and cheerful Christian life. His work is done and he has entered into his heavenly rest.

REV. J. H. WYANT

John H. Wyant was born in Hamilton County, Indiana, in January, 1857, and died February 7, 1921, at the age of sixty-four years. He was converted in his youth, and united with the Bethlehem United Brethren Church, on Noblesville Circuit. He was admitted to White River Conference in 1886 and ordained in 1891. He gave fourteen years to the active ministry. He was a model Christian gentleman, kind and courteous to all with whom he associated. He was highly esteemed by all his parishioners and greatly respected in the community in which he lived. He has gone to his eternal home and we shall greet him in the sweet bye and bye.

REV. J. M. TUGGLE

James M. Tuggle was born at Landrich, Monroe County, West Virginia, February 14, 1854, and died in Veedersburg, Indiana, November 11, 1921, at the age of sixty-seven years. When two years of age he came with his parents to Danville, Indiana, from there they moved to Fairmont, Illinois, and settled near Indianola, Illinois, where they resided until 1886.

He married Lilly Hansbrough who was his life companion. This union was blessed with twelve children, seven sons and five daughters of whom four preceded their father in death. Brother Tuggle was converted in 1875 and in 1884 he joined the United Brethren Church, entered Upper Wabash Conference in 1886 and was ordained in 1896. He devoted thirty-five years to the active itinerant ministry, and received about two thousand into the church during his pastor-

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ate. He was blessed with a genial and cheerful disposition, a sympathetic heart and a fervent Christian spirit. He has gone to his glorious reward and dwells in that city whose maker and builder is God. We shall cherish the memory of his noble life until we meet him on the golden shore of immortality.

REV. W. L. WALDO

William L. Waldo was born in Jay County, Indiana, January 30, 1859 and was converted in 1876. The author first met him at a basket meeting in Seamen's Grove, near Mill Grove, in 1878. He was a public school teacher during the years of his young manhood. He was married to Mary A. Wickersham September 7, 1884. To this union six children were born, three sons and three daughters. All surviving except the eldest son who died in 1908. One brother and one sister survive, as follows: Rev. L. K. Waldo, of Petroleum, and Mrs. Sarah Chapman, of Dunkirk, Indiana.

Brother Waldo felt his call to the ministry in early life. He entered Auglaize Conference in 1888 and was ordained in 1891. He graduated from Bonebrake Theological Seminary in 1894 and from White River Conference Theological Institute in 1909 in which he served as teacher fifteen years. He served nine years as secretary and three years as president of the Institute. He consecrated thirty-five years to the active ministry and laid down his life in the service of Christ. He served three years as conference treasurer and represented White River Conference in the General Conference of 1921. May 28, 1923, he entered upon his triumphal march to his heavenly crowning.

DEDICATION OF McNAMAR MONUMENT

Rev. John Calvin McNamar was born in Virginia in 1779. He was converted near Germantown, Ohio, in 1811. He was received into Miami Conference in 1813. His death occurred in November, 1846, at the age of sixty-seven years. He was buried in a small cemetery on the Joseph Ecret farm about a half mile south of Jordan Station, in Owen County, Indiana.

Both the Wabash Conference and the Lower Wabash Conference planned to erect a monument at his grave, in neither case were the plans carried out.

He was one of the most successful frontier missionaries in the United Brethren Church. He served as Bishop at the sessions of Indiana Conference held in 1834 and in 1835. He occupied the

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various official positions of pastor, evangelist, presiding elder, frontier missionary, conference secretary, conference chairman and bishop.

When Rev. A. C. Wilmore, historian of White River Conference, was making his historical survey in September, 1922, on the twenty-ninth day of that month he located the grave of Rev. John C. McNamar, and ascertained that no monument had ever been placed at his tomb.

At the session of White River Conference held at Columbus, Indiana, in September 1923, he succeeded in obtaining an offering of about eighty dollars, that was later increased to one hundred dollars, which was used to purchase a monument for the grave of Rev. J. C. McNamar.

W. H. Todd, J. B. Parsons, T. B. Kelsey, Floyd Everly, and M. F. Sherrill, were appointed a committee on the monument for Rev. J. C. McNamar. The monument was purchased at a cost of one hundred dollars, and on November 14, 1923, it having been erected was dedicated with the following ceremonials. It contained the following epitaph:

IN MEMORY OF

REV. JOHN C. MCNAMAR

BORN 1779—DIED 1846

PRESIDING ELDER, BISHOP PRO TEM.

FIRST ENGLISH SPEAKING PREACHER IN

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

The day was a beautiful one for such a service, members and friends of the church began to assemble about noon. More than one hundred people attended the services. Some coming as far as seventy-five miles. Mrs. Langford of Middlebury, Indiana, who is the great great, grand-daughter of the deceased was present. Mrs. Rebecca Stephens was the only person known to be living who heard this eminent pioneer preacher. She is ninety-three years old, and was unable to attend the service.

The service began by singing the coronation hymn. Rev. Floyd Everly of Saline City led the prayer. Rev. J. B. Connett of the Barbour Avenue Church in Terre Haute read the Scripture, reading selections from the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. Miss Susie John-

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son of Saline City sang "The City Four-Square." Rev. W. H. Todd of the First Church, Terre Haute, in some very fitting remarks introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Dr. J. B. Parsons, who spoke from the theme, "The Spirit and Strides of our Pioneer Preachers." He gave forth among other things the following striking utterances:

"We do well to cherish the name and fame of those pioneers who vouchsafed to all of us such a priceless heritage. Who could select from the galaxy of our great men, subjects better suited to illustrate simplicity, directness, truthfulness, bravery and lofty courage, than is found in the marvelous impact of our own ambassadors of the cross? There are not many instances in the annals of history where mortal man has displayed higher fidelity to conviction, devotion to duty, loyalty to conscience, and country. Those men of the saddle bags possessed an imperious will, sound judgment, stupendous endurance, and a courage that never quailed. Their achievements were due entirely to principles, qualities, and forces which adorned remarkable personalities, and in some respects evidenced the most imposing and colossal character of all time.

Dr. A. C. Wilmore of Winchester, Indiana, who should have given the biographical sketch, was unable to be present because of sickness. It was fitting that Mr. John Stephens, the son of the only person living who heard this preacher, should read this sketch which is as follows: "John Calvin McNamar was born in Virginia in 1779. He moved to Ohio in 1810. He taught school in Germantown, Ohio, in the year of 1811.

"John C. McNamar was converted and joined the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in 1812. He was licensed to preach and was received into the Miami Annual Conference in 1813. He was the first United Brethren preacher to preach in the English language. He began the active itinerant ministry at the conference of 1813, and continued until his death in 1846, covering a period of thirty-three years. The first ten years of his pastoral work was in Ohio.

"In 1823 J. C. McNamar was assigned to the White Water Circuit in Franklin and Wayne Counties. He served this charge for three years. During that time he organized the old Franklin Class on Whitsunday in the spring of 1824. In 1826 McNamar was elected presiding elder by the Miami Conference and assigned to the West District, which was situated in the state of Indiana. He served as secretary of Miami Conference.

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"John C. McNamar was a charter member of the Indiana Conference at its organization in May, 1830. This conference assigned him to the Tanner's Creek Circuit. In 1831 he was appointed presiding elder of the White Water District. He was a delegate to the third, fifth, and sixth General Conferences. At the General Conference of 1833, he was elected Bishop, but declined the office. At the fifth and sixth sessions of the Indiana Conference, held in 1834, and 1835, Rev. J. C. McNamar was elected Bishop Pro Tem. and presided over both sessions of the conference in the absence of the regular bishop.

"He was transferred to the Old Wabash Conference in 1840. He gave his last service in the work of that conference. During that time he organized the Gerrard Class and the Union Class in Owen County, Indiana. Here he spent his last years in the ministry, and ended his life work, and was buried in the little lone cemetery near the Union Church."

Miss Iva A. Conn, daughter of Rev. H. E. Conn of Center Point, and Miss Joy Kelsey, daughter of Rev. T. B. Kelsey of Clay City, Indiana, lifted the veil from the monument.

The dedicatory address was then delivered by Bishop H. H. Fout who spoke as follows:

"I have given myself to your program for a pilgrimage to the grave of this church father with peculiar pleasure.

"We are not here as hero worshippers to bow in reverence to an earthly shrine; we come hither to honor the memory of a good man who, as God's instrument, helped to lay the foundation of a great church.

"In the perspective of a century Father McNamar rounds out with increasing power and grandeur of character. Seventy and seven years ago he finished his earthly course and went to his heavenly crowning, but his work and influence still live. They were not buried in this grave with his mortal dust. This knight-errant of the cross and pioneer in the work of the church has left behind him an ever-speaking, ever-acting agency for good among men that will endure when bronze has melted and granite has crumbled.

"We may pause to wonder whether Father McNamar ever dreamed of the future greatness of this commonwealth, and of the growth and development of the church he helped to found as his pioneer feet pressed the soil of the early wilderness paths.

"If from the King's palace of many mansions he is permitted to look upon us today he must have great joy in the product of his

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sowing. From the little groups he organized have grown an army of 100,000 strong.

"As we stand today with uncovered heads beside his grave we join in a prayer of gratitude for the past, and unite in a resolve of renewed consecration for the future."

Rev. M. F. Sherrill of Bowling Green, pronounced the benediction, after which the people lingered to admire the beautiful monument, and speak of its meaning to the church and the community.

Other ministers present at the service were S. I. Hart of St. Bernice, Indiana; W. A. Settle of the Breden Memorial Church in Terre Haute; T. B. Kelsey of Clay City, Indiana; H. E. Conn of Center Point, Indiana, and J. A. Robinson of Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. L. B. Williams and son of Spencer, Indiana, furnished and erected the monument.

SEVENTY-NINTH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(1924)

The seventy-ninth session of White River Conference met at Clay City, Indiana, September 2, 1924, Bishop H. H. Fout presiding. M. F. Dawson was elected secretary. The roll was called and forty-nine ministers and twenty-one lay delegates answered to their names at the first roll call.

Milford Barrick, Alfred L. Emmert, Ernest Lewellen, George E. Shookman, Irene Roberts Reed, McKinley E. Reed and Herbert A. Lashbrook, applicants, were admitted to the conference. Roy H. Turley and A. F. Byrne were received on their transfers from Indiana Conference. Lucy R. Sharp was received on her transfer from Illinois Conference. J. C. McCaslin an ordained minister of the Indiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church was received on his credentials. Walter Kitchen was received on his credentials from the Christian Conference. Harry Burchard, former member of White River Conference, was received on his credentials from the Nazarene Church. Henry McKinley was received on his credentials from the Indiana yearly meeting of the Friends Church C. C. Gohn and M. S. Bittner were transferred to Allegheny Conference, C. R. Archer and H. C. Schlarb to Sandusky Conference and E. T. Aldrich to Iowa Conference.

J. F. Rodgers and C. I. Shortridge having irregularly withdrawn from the church their names were erased from the roll. Morton W. Sebring surrendered his credentials and his name was erased from

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the roll. John A. Hawkins had died during the year. James B. Parsons was elected Conference Superintendent. John C. Roberts, Henry McKinley, Paul E. Chalfant and Marion E. Stadler were ordained by the "laying on of hands."

We reproduce the following paragraph from the report of the Conference Superintendent:

"Notwithstanding the handicap due to these days of depression, there were thirty-six churches that paid their benevolences in full.

"The progress of this conference is almost unprecedented. Six substantial modern brick churches, four parsonages, one large tabernacle and one splendid basement have been dedicated since we last sat together. In addition to conducting a large number of cash and new church days, it was my happy privilege to officiate at five corner-stone layings and five dedications. Previous engagements prevented me from accepting more invitations, for such special service. This has been an unusual year of ingathering, the accessions numbering about 2,600, the net gain in church membership being about 1,250."

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S MANSE OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

In the year of 1924, a splendid home was purchased for the superintendent, costing $8000. It is located in University Heights, 4210 Otterbein Avenue, Indianapolis. Dr. J. B. Parsons moved into this beautiful modern residence in the month of September. The trustees are as follows: Revs. W. A. Settle, L. L. Schoonover, L. P. Cooper, A. M. Shaw and W. H. Todd.

EIGHTIETH SESSION OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE
(1925)

The eightieth session of White River Conference convened at University Heights, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 25, 1925. Bishop H. H. Fout presided. Conference Superintendent, J. B. Parsons, delivered the opening address, and acted as chairman. The officers elected were as follows:

Secretary, Millard F. Dawson; assistant secretary, Albert Bash Arford; statistical secretary, Samuel Wertz; registrar, Augustus C. Wilmore; treasurer, Lafayette P. Cooper and auditor, Emanuel L. Eckerly.

THE ROLL WAS CALLED

THE CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL of those present consisted of the following ministers. The figures prefixed to the name indicate the year of entering conference.

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ORDAINED ELDERS

1877 Augustus C. Wilmore.
1882 Marcus M. Thomas.
1884 Overton E. Evans.
1885 John W. Utsler.
1888 Millard F. Dawson.
1889 Hiram S. James.
1890 Nathan S. Tranbarger.
1891 John A. Bray; Allie Sipe.
1892 Emma Miller.
1895 James E. Shannon.
1896 Moines A. Robbins.
1897 Alva Roberts.
1898 Charles P. Martin, James B. Parsons.
1899 Millard Beall.
1902 Jesse H. Nall.
1903 Lafayette P. Cooper.
1904 Nathan P. France.
1905 Hardy W. Robbins.
1906 W. M. Griffin, C. I. Roush, Winfield A. Settle.
1908 Joseph R. Knipe.
1910 Albert Bash Arford, Forrest F. Bray, Elsworth B. Cunningham, Ida Cunningham, Lambert A. Huddleston.
1911 G. Raymond Powell.
1912 Melvin O. Mumford.
1913 Elizabeth Chappelle, W. E. Dye.
1914 Frank T. Atkinson, Floyd Everly, Curtis C. Fruth, Vernon B. Goss, Clancy J. Swain, Taylor B. Kelsey, Julius C. Shrigley, Charles G. McCrocklin.
1915 J. L. Brandenburg, Wilbur R. Montgomery, Roscoe S. Parr, William T. Sanders, Charles E. Small, E. A. Struble.
1916 Joseph A. Carter, David P. Coddington, Taylor A. Garriott.
1917 J. H. Cochran, John O. Lewis, C. A. Modlin.
1918 Wade H. Farley, Lura Jones Roberts.
1919 John C. Roberts, Roy E. Laswell.
1920 Flossie Farley, M. F. Sherrill, Elmer Roy Schwartz, George F. Snyder.
1921 Paul E. Chalfant.
1922 S. E. Long, Marion E. Stadler, Alvin H. Stonecipher, William H. Todd.

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1923 Dwight R. Lusk, Albert Moody Shaw.
1924 Walter Kitchen, J. C. McCaslin, Lucy R. Sharp, Roy H. Turley, C. I. Winters.

LICENTIATES

1918 Noel A. Shull.
1919 Seth I. Hart.
1920 Emanuel L. Eckerly.
1921 Dean M. Ferguson.
1922 Isham L. Curts, H. E. Conn, Clarence E. Guthrie.
1923 Claude Croy, Claude O. Hittle, Frank E. Lees.
1924 Albert F. Byrne, T. H. Duvall, Milford D. Barrick, Alfred E. Emmert, Herbert A. Lashbrook, Ernest Lewellen, Delbert M. Lighty, McKinley Reed, Irene Roberts Reed, George E. Shookman.

LIST OF LAY DELEGATES*

Anderson, D. E.Weidner; Andersonville, Mart Hankins; Bargersville, John Waddell; Blackhawk, Lee Bloomfield; Bowers, Hannah Bollman; Bowling Green, W. L. Dressler; Brazil, Rena Jenkins; Brazil Circuit, W. D. Harris; Cates, Ethel Huffman; Center Point, Ona Bell; Columbus, Samuel Wertz; Clay City, Guy Moyer; Cloverland, Anna Barrick; Crawfordsville, Ed. Line; Crawfordsville Circuit, W. G. Thomas; Daleville, C. E. Bradfield; Dunkirk, Augustus Cline; Dunkirk Circuit, Mildred Whetsel; Elwood, Lena Freeland; Franklin, Asa Davis; Greenfield, Elmer Merriman; Gwynnville, Harvey Porter; Hartford City, James Mannix; Hillsdale, Monroe Mays; Honey Creek, Bert Whitworth; Indianapolis—First Church, E. E. Flickinger; Calvary, Anna Allstatt; Community, James Duckett; Home Lawn, Hoddey Foust; University Heights, Willis Holliman; Kingman, Flaud Hicks; Lapel, W. E. Aldred; Lebanon, Paul Homan; Lincolnville, Everett Hoch; Marion—First Church, N. J. Dennis; Marion, Christy Street, Stephen Thorne; Spencer Avenue, Charles Sherron; Swayzee Street, R. A. Plyley; Modoc, Samuel H. Hunt; Mohawk, Thomas Price; Montpelier, Mabel Schwartzkopt; Muncie—Center, Irwin Baxta; Normal City, Anna Brenneman; Olive, Maude Janney; Riverside, George Brownlee; New Castle, Earl May; New Goshen, Myrtle Hayworth; Pendleton, Ralph A. Beckner; Pleasant Grove, I. C. Dolby; Portland Circuit, Amanda Axe; Red Key, John Roberts; Richmond, Grace

(*Delegates responding to the Roll Call)

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Baird; Riley, Lola Rector, Rushville, Sadie Farthing; Saline City, Laura Clingerman; Saratoga, John E. Orr; Selma, Ed Long; Saint Bernice, Daniel Bright; Saint Paul, Allen Lefler; Stone Bluff, Blanch Frazee; Terre Haute—First Church, C. E. Thomas; Barbour Avenue, Benjamin Bierbaum; Fort Harrison, Ella Martin; Second Avenue, D. M. Campbell; Tabernacle, Fern VanDeventer; Terre Haute Circuit, Ethel Hamaker; Veedersburg, Ada Roberts; Wabash First Church, Alice Richardson; Warrington, Charles Thomas.

The following candidates for the ministry were received into the annual conference: Jesse R. Simmerman, William T. Hambidge, Ora C. Pemberton, C. C. Conn, Eugene Reed, Alfred Leslie Roberts, Homer Roberts, and Lester Whittington.

W. E. Brock, John A. Logan Shaw, B. H. Spratt, Earl F. Hites, and Sylvester Janney were received on their credentials.

James F. Reynolds and T. J. Richey had died during the year.

E. E. Swords having been absent from the conference for more than six years, his name was erased from the conference roll. The name of Henry McKinley was also erased from the roll.

C. J. Fox was granted a transfer to East Ohio Conference; Joseph B. Connett, and Jasper C. Stadler were each granted transfers to Illinois Conference.

O. J. Bogard was transferred to Iowa Conference, and Leo B. Venatta to Miami Conference.

George H. Barker was granted credentials to the Presbyterian Church.

J. B. Parsons was elected Conference Superintendent.

Lura Jones Roberts, George F. Snyder and Roy E. Laswell, were ordained.

CONFERENCE EFFICIENCY STANDARD

The Committee on Policies and Goals at the conference of 1924, submitted the following efficiency standard which was adopted by the conference:

1.	Gain in church membership	15%
2.	Gain in Sunday-school average attendance	15%
3.	Benevolence apportionment paid in full	15%
4.	Gain in Religious Telescope subscriptions	15%
5.	One active missionary society	15%
6.	An active Christian Endeavor society	15%
7.	Pastors' salary paid in full	10%
	Total	100%

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Forest A. Reed

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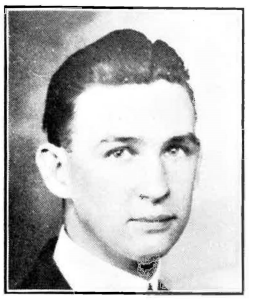
H. J. Ketner



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R. E. Laswell

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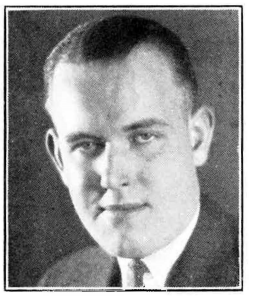
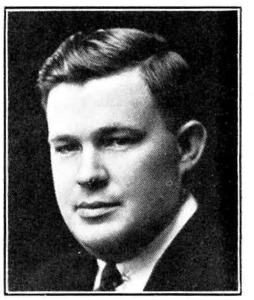


P. E. Chalfant



J. R. Simmerman

MEMBERS OF THE WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

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The following churches and pastors won the awards for reaching the goal of the conference standard of efficiency:

Anderson, L. L. Schoonover; Brazil, H. W. Robbins; Cloverland, Deane Ferguson; Crawfordsville, Snyder, E. L. Eckerly; Hartford City, Roy H. Turley; Hillsdale, V. B. Goss; Indianapolis Belmont, A. M. Shaw; Indianapolis Calvary, L. P. Cooper; Indianapolis University Heights, W. R. Montgomery; Muncie, Normal City, J. A. Brenneman; Pendleton, A. C. Wilmore; Perrysville, Lucy R. Sharp; Portland, J. H. Nall; Selma, Corinth, C. I. Rousch; Terre Haute, First Church, W. H. Todd; Terre Haute, Second Avenue, J. L. Brandenburg; Terre Haute, Tabernacle, E. A. Struble; West Terre Haute, C. W. Leader, and J. E. Shannon; Wabash First Church, R. S. Parr.

Nineteen pastors and charges represent the number of winners out of one hundred pastors and charges in the annual conference; eighty-one having failed to reach the goal.

LAYMEN OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

Among the prominent laymen of White River Conference was John Bonebrake of Veedersburg, through whose generosity our Theological Seminary at Dayton, Ohio, was favored with a large gift, and who proved himself a most useful citizen and benefactor in civic and ecclesiastical affairs.

Another layman of this conference who has distinguished himself in his Church and community is Mr. G. A. Lambert of Anderson. His gifts to our educational institutions and our missionary cause have been large and frequent. He is serving his second term as trustee of the United Brethren Publishing House, Dayton, Ohio.

Prof. Samuel Wertz, of Columbus, for many years professor of mathematics in Hartsville College and for thirty-eight years principal of Columbus high school has the distinction of having his local church named in his honor. He has served thirty years as statistical secretary of White River Conference.

REBECCA FRY

Rebecca Fry, a member of Franklin Church, Franklin County, Indiana, who was born in 1810 and died in 1884, deserves the title of the "Heroine of the White Water Valley." She joined old Franklin Church in 1824, as one of its charter members. Her life was full of deeds of charity, and her Christian devotion found but few parallels in the nineteenth century. In her patriotic service

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she gave her son to the cause of human liberty in the Civil War, and he made the sacrificial offering by laying down his life upon the altar of his country.

In the open winter of 1880 when she rode horseback to church through the rain and mud twice a day for four weeks, where she labored in the great revival at the old Franklin Church she proved her great consecration by leading scores of souls to Christ. After holding membership for sixty years in that church, she donated five hundred dollars to the cause of Christian missions, and soon after went home to heaven.

FOUR SURVIVING CHARTER MEMBERS

There are at least four lay-members living, who were charter members of their respective churches when White River Conference was organized in 1846. They occupy a unique place in the history of this church. These members are Daniel Rinker of Daleville; Samuel Lefler of St. Paul; Grant Mendenhall of Economy, and Phoebe Thomas of La Fontaine.

Daniel Rinker who was born in 1832 united with our class at Daleville soon after its organization in 1843. Brother Lefler, who is an older man than Brother Rinker, became a charter member of Anspaugh Class, now the Union Church in Decatur County, Indiana, some time before the close of the thirties, and Brother Mendenhall who is about the age of Brother Rinker, became a charter member of the Bethel Class, Wayne County, Indiana, shortly before the organization of the White River Conference. Sister Phoebe Coomler Thomas in 1845 became a member of the Mt. Pleasant, later Bethlehem Church, of Liberty Township, Wabash County, Indiana. All of these pioneer members have been honored with official positions in the United Brethren Church and have consecrated a large portion of their time and means to support and perpetuate the church in their respective communities. Through cold and heat, through rain and shine, Daniel Rinker and Phoebe Thomas each went and still go to church, to prayer and class meetings and to Sunday school. The same could be said about the other two. They had the rare pleasure of seeing their respective local churches begin with the humble log cabin for a meeting place and end in the modern frame and brick church edifice in which they are permitted to attend worship today. The writer who has had the honor of being the

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pastor of each of these members, hopes that they may each live a hundred years in this world and then reign with Christ forever in the realms of glory.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1925

Organized churches, 151; present membership, 27,210; increase in membership, 813; number of Tithers, 1643; Senior Endeavor societies, 81; members of Senior Endeavor societies, 3904; Intermediate Endeavor societies, 24; members of Intermediate Endeavor societies, 608; Junior Endeavor societies, 87; members of Junior Endeavor societies, 1259; number of Women's Missionary Association local societies, 69; members of Women's Missionary Association, 2238; Otterbein Guilds, 38; members of Otterbein Guild, 1021; number of Women's Aid societies, 123; members of Woman's Aid societies, 4133; number of Sunday schools, 145. Total enrollment, 28,536. Average attendance, 13,302; teachers and officers, 2185; number in Teacher's Training classes, 101. Telescope subscribers, 1533; number of Evangels, 1232; number of Watchwords, 2807; Boys' and Girls' Friends, 4473; Youths Quarterlies, 3041; Junior Quarterlies, 2019; Primary Quarterlies, 1687.

Finances—Pastors' salaries, $110,468; total receipts for pastors, $129,422; local current expenses, $34,921; church repair, $21,165; parsonage repair, $3175; for local Sunday school purposes, $19,989; total paid for benevolences, $29,612; foreign missions—special, $2740; home missions—special, $737; total for all purposes, $334,747; value of churches, $1,278,439; value of parsonages, $165,250.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

In reviewing the work of the seven years past we present the following summary: The number of members at the beginning of this period was 22,443; the present number aggregates 27,210, showing a net increase of 4767.

The Christian Endeavor membership at the beginning of this term was 3222, while the present Endeavor membership numbers, 3904, an increase of 682. The Junior and Intermediate societies began the period with 1429 and ended with 1867; making an increase of 438.

At the beginning of this period there were 2126 officers and teachers in the Sunday school and at present the number is 2185, making an increase of 59. The total Sunday-school enrollment at the beginning was 24,337, having increased during the seven years to 28,536, being a gain of 4199.

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The average attendance at the beginning of this period was 10,151, having advanced to 13,302, showing a gain of 3151.

In 1918 there were 1326 subscribers to the Religious Telescope. The report at this conference shows a list of 1533 subscribers being a gain of 207. The above increases all show a healthy growth in the general interests of the Church in White River Conference. We are pleased to present a brief summary of our Church Finances, at the end of this seven year period.

Finances—Pastors' salaries at the beginning of this term amounted to $60,161, and during the seven years they increased to $110,468, making a gain of $50,307.

At the beginning of this period the total receipts of the pastors amounted to $72,621, during the year just closing the report shows the total receipts of pastors aggregate $129,422, making an advance of $56,801, during this period.

The local current expenses began with $20,671 and ended with $34,921, making an advance of $14,250. The church repairs reported in 1918, amounted to $10,940, while the report at the conference of 1925, shows a total for church repairs of $24,340, which is considerably more than double that of seven years ago.

In 1918 the local Sunday-school collections amounted to $9,729, while the report of the Sunday-school collections for this year aggregates $19,989, having more than doubled in the past seven years.

The collections for benevolences for the year ending in 1918 amounted to $16,763, while these benevolences have climbed during the period of seven years to $29,612, making a gain of $12,849.

The total for all purposes reported to the Statistical Chart in 1918 amounted to $215,496, the advance in the financial report during the period of seven years shows that the total for all purposes had ascended to $334,747, making an increase of $119,251.

When we take into consideration the fact that during this period an unusual financial depression followed the World War, and the further fact that our membership is largely composed of farmers, the financial result attained in these seven years is almost a marvel.

The increase in the church membership and in the Sunday school and Endeavor societies are highly encouraging features and when we remember the demoralizing influence that followed the Great War the growth and development of the church in these important departments are certainly the outcome of the great

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spiritual awakening and intense evangelistic activity on the part of the church, under its capable leadership.

When the author entered White River Conference in 1877 the pastoral charges numbered twenty-one, and the number of itinerant ministers was thirty. There were 5447 church members and seventy-nine church houses, having a value of about $7500. The number of Sabbath schools was seventy-eight, teachers and officers 621, and the scholars enrolled numbered 3810. There were 397 Telescope subscribers and 884 Children's Friends taken. The amount raised for benevolence was $1142.

In comparing these figures with those of the statistics of 1925 we see the extraordinary expansion which has occurred in the ministerial life of one preacher.

In 1877 the church membership was 5547. In 1925 the membership has mounted to 27,210. In 1877 the Sabbath schools had an enrollment of 3810, but in 1925, that enrollment had increased to 28,536.

Then the Children's Friends had a circulation of 884, now the Boys' and Girls' Friends have a circulation of 4473

The benevolences collected in 1877 amounted to $1142 while this year the sum of $29,612 has been raised for benevolences.

Then twenty-one pastors received $7240 in salaries, making an annual average of $345, while in 1925 one hundred pastors received $129,422 in salaries, which makes an average salary of $1294 annually.

In the compilation of this history it has been the privilege of the author to study the history of the United Brethren Church in its onward movement during one hundred years of this great pioneer period. We have visited the sacred sites of nearly two hundred local churches, we have formed the acquaintances of thousands of the living members of the church. We have studied the local history of these churches and in a large measure entered into the fellowship and spirit of these people of God. It has been our great pleasure to study the lives and characters of the old pioneers, both men and women, and we have enjoyed the great blessing which comes to one who has experienced an association in thought with these holy and noble servants of God. While this association has been largely through the medium of church and conference records, and church histories, nevertheless it has been of the most intimate and real character. In fact there has been occasions when these pioneers

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have appeared to be in such close proximity that their personal peculiarities appeared to have been reproduced to such an extent as to effect a pleasing and congenial acquaintance.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

The following ministers and laymen have represented White River Conference in the General Conference:

1849 *Germantown, Ohio*—D. Stover, W. W. Richardson, C. W. Witt.

1853 *Miltonville, Ohio*—J. T. Vardaman, D. Stover, W. W. Richardson.

1857 *Cincinnati, Ohio*—C. W. Witt, J. T. Vardaman, Amos Hanway.

1861 *Westerville, Ohio*—D. O. Farrell, J. T. Vardaman, Amos Hanway.

1865 *Western, Iowa*—M. Wright, J. T. Vardaman, C. W. Witt.

1869 *Lebanon, Pennsylvania*—J. T. Vardaman, M. Wright, T. Evans.

1873 *Dayton, Ohio*—J. T. Vardaman, M. Wright, T. Evans.

1877 *Westfield, Illinois*—M. Wright, S. B. Ervin, H. Floyd.

1881 *Lisbon, Iowa*—H. Floyd, J. M. Kabrich, J. T. Vardaman.

1885 *Fostoria, Ohio*—Milton Wright, Halleck Floyd, J. M. Kabrich.

1889 *York, Pennsylvania*—A. C. Wilmore, M. L. Bailey, D. E. Myers, Halleck Floyd.

1893 *Dayton, Ohio*—M. L. Bailey, J. T. Roberts, A. C. Wilmore.
Lay Delegate—P. E. Mott.

1897 *Toledo, Iowa*—J. T. Roberts, D. O. Darling, A. C. Wilmore.
Lay Delegate—S. Pickering.

1901—*Frederick, Maryland*—J. T. Roberts, Alonzo Myer, A. C. Wilmore, J. E. Shannon.
Lay Delegates—F. A. Z. Kumler, G. A. Lambert.

1905 *Topeka, Kansas*—J. T. Roberts, M. F. Dawson, J. E. Shannon, Alonzo Myer, A. C. Wilmore.
Lay Delegates—A. J. Juday, Samuel Wertz, C. L. Gard, Samuel H. Hunt, William W. Robbins.

1909 *Canton, Ohio*—J. E. Shannon, M. F. Dawson, H. S. James, J. T. Roberts.
Lay Delegates—G. A. Lambert, J. S. Edwards, O. O. Judy, and T. H. Reed.

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1913 *Decatur, Illinois*—J. A. Hawkins, J. T. Roberts, J. E. Shannon, M. F. Dawson, L. O. Blake.
Lay Delegates—G. A. Lambert, Samuel Wertz, F. J. S. Robinson, Irby J. Good, Mrs. S. S. Hull.

1917 *Wichita, Kansas*—J. E. Shannon, L. O. Blake, M. F. Dawson, J. A. Bray, N. P. France, J. T. Roberts.
Lay Delegates—I. J. Good, W. G. Bailey, C. J. Wheeler, G. A. Lambert, Beulah Chappelle, Stella Wellman.

1921 *Indianapolis, Indiana*—J. E. Shannon, L. O. Blake, M. F. Dawson, J. T. Roberts, J. A. Bray, W. L. Waldo.
Lay Delegates—I. J. Good, Delbert Shaw, Beulah Chappelle, E. H. Cadle, G. A. Lambert, Mrs. Charles Grant.

1925 *Buffalo, New York*—J. B. Parsons, J. E. Shannon, M. F. Dawson, J. A. Bray, J. L. Brandenburg, N. P. France.
Lay Delegates—Irby J. Good, Beulah Chappelle, Mary E. Bonebrake, Frank Reagan, Pauline Todd, Mary Waldo.

Then the field of action in which these great pioneer missionaries carried on their work constituted a great community with associations and environments connected with the following four counties in the State of Indiana within the limits of White River Conference, which were entered by United Brethren frontier missionaries prior to the year of 1832 These counties were Franklin, Fountain, Parke and Shelby Counties. The missionaries were John Calvin McNamar who established the United Brethren Church in Franklin County, in 1824; John Hoobler who was the founder of the United Brethren Church in Fountain County, in 1827; Jacob Mahan who established the United Brethren Church in Parke County, in 1828, and Aaron Farmer who founded the church in Shelby County in 1831.

John McNamar commenced his work in Franklin County by organizing the Franklin Class at the house of Henry Fry, in Fairfield Township on Whitsunday, 1824, with twenty-eight charter members.

John Hoobler began his work in Fountain County, by organizing the Coal Creek Class now called the Veedersburg Church at his mother's house near the forks of Coal Creek, (the present site of Veedersburg), in May, 1827, with seventeen charter members.

Jacob Mahan performed his work by organizing the Fairview Class in the north part of Parke County in the summer of 1828, with eleven charter members.

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Aaron Farmer began his work by organizing the Blue River Class, (formerly called Union, and later Kingdom Church) in Shelby County, in the fall of 1831, with thirty-three charter members.

These four churches are the visible representatives of the four corner stones of White River Conference. One of the number in point of history has passed the century mark, and in less than a half dozen years the other three churches will celebrate their centennials. These are ancient landmarks in the United Brethren history of Indiana, and more especially of the White River Conference.

It has been the honored privilege of the author to visit the localities of these four churches, and learn their history.

When we remember the holy lives and consecrated service of these four men of God, and the sacred temples, which have been erected, and dedicated to the worship of the triune God almost a century ago, and the thousands of souls that have been born into the kingdom of God around these four sacred altars, we are constrained to repeat the words recorded in Exodus, third chapter and fifth verse: "And he said, Draw not nigh hither; put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." This command is repeated in the seventh chapter, thirty-third verse of the Acts of the Apostles, which declares that "Then said the Lord, to him: Put off thy shoes from thy feet, for the place where thou standest is holy ground."

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PART FOUR
History of the Local Churches

CHAPTER I

ANDERSON (FALL CREEK) DISTRICT

MADISON COUNTY

ANDERSON CHURCH

THE Church of the United Brethren in Christ of Anderson, Indiana, was organized by Rev. A. C. Wilmore, in September, 1890, with the following charter members:

James C. Essington, Lydia Essington, Archibald C. Rice, Frances Ellen Rice, Minnie A. Rice, Alma Rice, Harvey Thomas, Anna Thomas, Clara B. King, Martin H. Willhide, Mary A. Willhide, John Poet, Elizabeth M. Poet, Sarah Armstrong, John W. Finley George Huffman, Cora Willhide, Maggie Elwood, Ithamer V. McCarty, Etta McCarty, Lizzie Deem, and Amanda Sigler.

The frame church house was erected on the corner of Eleventh and Sansberry Streets in the autumn of 1890 by Rev. A. C. Wilmore, pastor, and John Poet, Martin H. Willhide, Archibald C. Rice, Joseph E. Longfellow, and Samuel C. Miller, board of trustees, at a cost of $3000. The second church building erected by the Anderson Church was a brick edifice situated on the southeast corner of Ninth Street and Madison Avenue. It was erected under the pastorate of Rev. L. O. Blake, by G. A. Lambert, James M. Fisher, J. E. Longfellow, William R. Morris, George Decker, Raymond B. Thornburg, and Frank M. Brown, board of trustees, in the year of 1906 at a cost of $25,000. The church was remodeled in 1923 under the pastorate of Rev. L. L. Schoonover at a cost of $7,000. A parsonage was purchased at the northeast corner of Madison Avenue and Seventh Street at a cost of $4,000. The parsonage was remodeled in 1923 by Rev. L. L. Schoonover at a cost of $2,000.

BAILEY CHAPEL CHURCH

Rev. Abram Rust, pastor of Pipe Creek Circuit, organized a class at Moss schoolhouse, two miles west of Anderson, about April, 1871, with the following charter members: John Morris, Elizabeth Morris, Montezuma Moss, Eliza Moss, William P. Davis, Ithamer

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V. McCarty, William R. Morris, Nevada Moss Morris, Jacob Beachler, Rachel Beachler, Jerome Beachler, Alice Moss Beachler.

The class had become so weak that it was ready to disband when A. C. Rice, pastor of Perkinsville Circuit, conference year of 1882-1883, transferred the preaching services from the Moss schoolhouse to the Baker Hill schoolhouse, about three and one-half miles northwest of Anderson, at which he held a great revival in March, 1883, and received forty-five members into the church.

The church services were continued at the Baker Hill schoolhouse until 1895 when Bailey Chapel was erected on a site near the schoolhouse, under the pastorate of Rev. M. L. Bailey, by the following board of trustees: Jesse Todd, Charles J. Joslyn, Calder Hiday, Jacob Koehler and Taylor McCoy, at a cost of $1700.

BELLRATTLE CHURCH

The Bellrattle Church was organized by Rev. Enos C. Veal in October, 1897, with the following charter members: Malissa Odom, Silas P. Webb, Phoebe Webb, Isaac Webb, Elizabeth Webb, Noah Richwine, Sarah Richwine, Moses McCord, Mary McCord, Mary J. McCord, Frank Gentry, Mary Gentry, Nathan Davis, Sarah Davis. First class officers, Silas P. Webb, leader; Malissa Odom, steward.

The Bellrattle Church which came into the hands of the society had been erected in 1885. In 1909, under the pastorate of Rev. L. K. Waldo the church was remodeled at a cost of $500 by Charles Odom, Wesley Ballenger and William Hoover, trustees.

ELWOOD CHURCH

Elwood Church was organized in September, 1900, by Rev. C. C. Weimer with the following charter members: Nimrod Bentley, Emmeline Bentley, Sarah Farr, Mary J. Barmes, James W. Phares, William Bailey, Josephine Bailey, Charles Everling, Lydia Everling, Eva McLain, Ellen M. Walters, Eliza Hook, Lizzie Meritt, Joseph Crutchfield, Mary Crutchfield. The Elwood Church was built in 1901 by the following trustees: Nimrod Bentley, William A. Walters, and Alva Favors at a cost of $1800, with Addison Davis, leader; Eva McLain and Eliza Hook, stewards.

LAPEL CHURCH

Lapel Church was organized November, 1890, by Rev. W. T. Boice, pastor Pendleton Circuit, with the following charter members: Wiley Barnhizer, Electa Barnhizer, Isaac H. Williams, Mary

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Williams, Joseph Miller, Matilda C. Miller, Cassius Anderson, Matilda Anderson, John Anderson, Edward Aldred, Florence Aldred, Mahala Aldred, Andrew J. Bennett, Martha Bennett, Sarah Crooks, Barnett DeWitt, Louisa DeWitt, Clara McGuire, James Graham, Sarah Graham, Robert C. Wright. Class leader, I. H. Williams; steward, Joseph Miller; Church trustees, Alfred Bodenhorn, Isaac H. Williams, James Graham.

A frame church was built in 1891 and dedicated by B. F. Booth at a cost of $1600. The brick church was erected in 1917, dedicated September 30, of that year by Rev. W. R. Funk at a cost of $10,000, with the following trustees: Wm. Lee Bodenhorn, president; Frank Anderson, secretary; Harry Elston, treasurer; Frank Barnhizer, and Joseph Crooks.

A parsonage was erected in 1903 under the pastorate of G. M. Myers at a cost of $1000. A properly kept record shows 567 members received up to September 1, 1921, plus fifty-six members received by J. C. Shrigley present pastor, making a total of 623. In 1925, under the pastorate of Rev. J. C. Shrigley the Lapel Church constructed a full basement including equipments and a large kitchen and furnace to the church at a cost of four thousand dollars.

MOUNT GILEAD CHURCH

Mount Gilead United Brethren Church was organized in the month of April, 1887, by Rev. William Gossett, pastor of Warrington Circuit, with the following charter members: Eli Ritchhart, Ellen Ritchhart, Aaron Nibarger, Sarah Nibarger, David T. Garriott, Matilda Garriott, Alonzo Bridges, Rachel Bridges, Leah Combs, Jane Hardman, Rosetta Hardman, Anthony Reger, Arvilla Reger, Lewis Stickler, Lucinda Stickler, Rankin Stickler, Mary Stanley, Andrew Jackson, and Priscilla Jackson. Charles Bray, class leader; Eli Ritchhart, steward; Ellen Ritchhart, superintendent. Trustees, Eli Ritchhart, Andrew Jackson, Lewis Stickler, Aaron Nibarger and John R. Boston.

The trustees purchased one-half acre of Anthony Reger in Fall Creek Township, Madison County, Indiana, on which a building was remodeled and dedicated July 4, 1887. The new brick church erected at a cost of $13,000 by Rev. A. B. Arford, pastor, was dedicated May 8, 1921. The Mount Gilead Church trustees are, Austin W. McCollister, Charles Jacobs, Saul Creeson, Nora Rogers and Tilden Shelton.

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PENDLETON CHURCH

The Pendleton United Brethren Church was organized by Rev. D. O. Darling in the month of June, 1887, with the following charter members: Philip G. Shirley, David M. Brown, William Jones, Susan Jones, Robert H. Argenbright, Morton Brattin, Nellie Brattin, Rachel Coffman, William George, Lydia George, Asa Smithwick, Louisa Smithwick, John Wood, Catharine Wood. R. H. Argenbright, first class leader; David M. Brown, first class steward; Philip G. Shirley, Sunday-school superintendent. The first trustees were Philip G. Shirley, David M. Brown and Wm. H. George.

A frame church on the corner of West and High Streets was purchased in 1888 where the class worshipped at that time. In the year of 1902 the board of trustees consisting of David M. Brown, Philip G. Shirley and Lewis Stickler erected a new brick veneered church on the northeast corner of High and Pearl Streets at a cost of about $5,000.

WHITE CHAPEL CHURCH

The White Chapel Class in Fall Creek Township, Madison County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. W. S. Stuart, pastor of Indianapolis Circuit, in October, 1838, with the following charter members: John Lambert, Mary Smith Lambert, Elizabeth Lambert, Mary M. Lambert, Elizabeth Lambert Drury, George McVey, Sarah Lambert McVey, Peter Suman. White Chapel was built under pastorate of Rev. J. A. Ball in the year 1842, by John Lambert, George McVey and Peter Suman, trustees, at a cost of $1,250.

Mary M. Lambert, wife of Christian Lambert, was the mother of twelve children, six sons and six daughters. Christian Lambert his wife and children all came from Virginia to Indiana in 1828.

Christian Lambert entered nine tracts of Congress land of eighty acres each on Lick Creek, south of Pendleton in Fall Creek Township, Madison County, Indiana, which was afterward divided among his children, each son getting one hundred acres. Christian and Mary Lambert were the great-grandparents of Drs. Augustus W. and Marion R. Drury, prominent ministers in the United Brethren church.

John Lambert married Mary Smith in Virginia and emigrated to Indiana in 1828 and they were the grandparents of the Doctors' Drury. John Lambert's daughter, Elizabeth Lambert, married Morgan S. Drury and they were the parents of the Drury ministers. The Drury ministers' great-grandmother, Mary M. Lambert and

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their grandparents, John and Mary Smith Lambert and their mother Elizabeth Lambert Drury were all charter members of the White Chapel Class at Menden, south of Pendleton, Indiana. Their father Morgan Drury was the postmaster and owned the store at Menden where the Drury sons were born. Their father Morgan S. Drury sold his store at Menden, moved to Iowa, where he entered Iowa Conference and devoted his life to the ministry of the United Brethren Church.

HAMILTON COUNTY

BETHLEHEM CHURCH

Bethlehem Church of Hamilton County, Indiana, was organized in November, 1844, by Rev. W. W. Richardson with the following charter members: Samuel J. Patterson, Margaret Patterson, Jacob N. Steffy, Margaret Steffy, George Steffy, Jacob Steffy, Elizabeth Steffy, Josiah Crook, Elizabeth Crook, Samuel Garverick, Sarah Garverick, John Wertz, Anna Mary Wertz, Wilson Allen and Caroline Allen.

Deed Record Book U, Hamilton County, page 121, contains the record of the following trustees of Bethlehem Church: namely, Samuel Patterson, Josiah Crook and John Wertz.

The first frame church was erected by the aforesaid trustees in Fall Creek Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, in 1851, at a cost of $1200. A new frame church was erected on the site of the former church in 1914, under the pastorate of Ira Dawes, by trustees, John H. Wyant, Thomas Patterson, Jacob Garverick, A. F. Kinnaman, and Orlando M. Wyant at a cost of $3200.

MOUNT ZION CHURCH

Deed Record Book 1, page 142, Hamilton County, Indiana. The following is a copy of the Deed: This indenture made this the 2nd day of August, 1843, (witnesseth that), Isaac Helms and Martha Helms, his wife for and in consideration of a gift for a meeting house has conveyed and confirmed and doth by these presents grant unto Isaac Helms, Samuel Brooks and John Heath, trustees of the United Brethren in Christ, and their successors in office in Trust for the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, a certain tract or parcel of land in the county of Hamilton, State of Indiana, and bounded as follows to-wit: It being the east half of the north(half) of the northwest quarter of Section, twelve, Township seventeen north of

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Range five east, containing one and a half acres to be taken out of the southeast corner of said tract of land. Running twenty rods west, and twelve rods north, thence east twenty rods, thence south twelve rods.

In Witness Whereof the said Isaac Helms and Martha Helms, his wife, have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written. (Signed) Isaac Helms

Martha Helms

Received on Record, August 5, 1843. A. B. Cole, R. H. C.

Mount Zion Church of Hamilton County, Indiana, was organized in April in the year of 1839, by Rev. Daniel Stover with the following charter members: Samuel Brooks, Polly Brooks, John Heath, Isaac Helms, Martha Helms, Alonzo Sherman, Sarah Sherman, John Abney, Allen Kincaid, and Lucy Kincaid. The log church was built in 1843. The present frame church was built in 1858, at a cost of $1000, by Samuel Brooks, Isaac Helms and John Heath, board of trustees.

NOBLESVILLE CHURCH

The Noblesville Class was organized by Rev. M. F. Dawson in December, 1892, with the following charter members: Mary A. Frazier, Joshua Humbles, Louisa Humbles, Elizabeth Helms, Mary Helms, Allen Lewis, Jennie Lewis, James McVey, Mary McVey, and Susan Wall. Services were held at Craig's Music Hall and the old Presbyterian Church. Mary A. Frazier was the first class leader and James McVey the first class steward. In the spring of 1895, the pastor Rev. A. C. Wilmore launched a drive for funds to build a new church, succeeding in raising $2,000 in cash in thirty days. The board of trustees composed of James W. Wheeler, James R. Christian, Aaron Laudig, Joseph Booth, and Eli Brooks, proceeded with the erection of a church edifice at the corner of Plum and Eleventh Streets in Noblesville, at a cost of $3,500, which was dedicated by Bishop Nicholas Castle, December 22, 1895.

The church was remodeled in 1912 during the pastorate of Rev. J. Rosenbarger by James Lewis, Allen Lewis, Oscar Guilkey, James W. Wheeler, and Jeremiah Wall, board of trustees, at a cost of $2500. The parsonage was erected on a lot adjoining the church at 1137 Plum Street in 1899, under the pastorate of Rev. D. W. Zartman, by James W. Wheeler, James R. Christian, Aaron Laudig. Eli Brooks and Jeremiah Wall, board of trustees, at a cost of $2000,

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UNION CHURCH

Union Church, near Noblesville, Indiana, was organized by Rev. William Gossett in the autumn of 1876 with the following charter members: Eli Abney, Mary Abney, Jane Wheatley, Ann Wheatley Dunn, William A. Wheatley, Angeline Wheatley, Aaron Laudig, Jefferson Hurlock, Nancy Hurlock, and Mary J. Brooks.

Deed Record Number 36, page 567, Hamilton County, has the following: Andrew Ritchhart deeded a lot on east side of Noblesville and Greenfield Road in Noblesville Township, in Section 17, Congressional Township eighteen north, Range five east, to Aaron Laudig, William A. Wheatley, Jefferson Hurlock, George W. Wheeler and Eli Brooks, trustees, on the 17th day of January, 1882.

The Union Chapel on Fall Creek Circuit was erected by the aforesaid trustees on the said lot at a cost of $2500 in 1882, by Rev. M. L. Bailey, pastor.

HANCOCK COUNTY

AMITY CHURCH

Amity Church, Mohawk Circuit, was organized in 1898 at Hopewell Church near Mt. Comfort, by Rev. M. O. Jarvis. In 1900 Rev. C. A. Love was assigned to this charge and erected a new church one mile south of Hopewell which was named Amity Church.

The Amity Church, erected at a cost of $1500, was dedicated August, 1901, by Rev. A. C. Wilmore, presiding elder, with the following trustees: Henry S. Hawkins, John A. Collins, William Riser, Otis E. Snider and Frederick Heller. The first class officers were William Riser, leader, and Henry S. Hawkins, steward.

The following is a list of the charter members: Henry S. Hawkins, Emma A. Hawkins, John A. Collins, Pearl Collins Cly, Harvey Collins, William Riser, Mary Riser, Maggie Riser, Sallie Riser, Robert Riser, William Dance, Margaret E. Dance, Harry G. Dance, Fred Heller, Lillie Heller, Nancy McKinney, Ella McDuffey, George Johnson, Maggie Johnson, Charles Ostermeyer, Martha Ostermeyer, Maggie Ostermeyer, Minnie Ostermeyer, Catherine Ostermeyer, Conrad Ostermeyer, Elnora Ostermeyer, Nellie Ostermeyer Snider, Otis Snider, May Snider, Ethel Snider, Stella Snider Smith, Leona Snider Brunne, Christena Snider Custer, Hettie Snider, Drexie Snider, Anna Snider, Willard Snider, Vernie Welling Ploenges, and Earl Welling.

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GREENFIELD CHURCH

The Greenfield Church was organized in the autumn of 1897 by Rev. Z. C. Mower, pastor, with the following charter members: Theodore Winn, Josephine Winn, Susan West, Nettie Hanna, Mary J. Eastes, Lydia Lysinger, William Belton, Alice Belton, Anna McGuire, Elizabeth Stant, Zachariah C. Mower, and Martha Mower.

The first officers were Theodore Winn, class leader; Nettie Hanna, class steward. The following board of trustees was elected: Corydon W. Morrison, Lewis Shumway, Jacob V. Cottey, Nelson Bradley, Theodore Winn, Joseph Bradley and Robert Hurley. The brick church was erected on the corner of Swope and Lincoln Streets in 1898 at a cost of $3500.

JACKSON CHAPEL CHURCH

This church was organized by Rev. William Gossett in the spring of 1895 with the following charter members: W. A. Pritchard, Electa Pritchard, Herman Pritchard, Effie Pritchard Hiatt, Madison Mingle, Martha Mingle, Thomas Franklin, Mahala Franklin, Carrie Jackson, Ellen Jackson, Levi Jackson, Louisa Jackson, Hannah Miliner, Rosa Blakely, and Mattie Pritchard.

The frame church, called Jackson Chapel, was erected on the corner of M. W. Jackson's farm on the north line of Green Township, Hancock County, Indiana, in the year of 1895, at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars. The society was disbanded and the church sold in the year of 1920.

MOHAWK CHURCH

Mohawk Church, formerly Union Class, was organized in 1858 by Rev. Thomas Evans, pastor, with the following charter members: A. V. Rumler, Nancy J. Rumler, Mahala Murphy, Ella Civil, Harvey True, Martha Murphy, James Jarrett, Alice Wallace, J. Whitaker, Alice Whitaker, Elizabeth E. Price, Clarissa Murphy John Price, Viola Bell, Della Compton, Nancy Thomas, Inez Bowers, Lewis Ogle, Edward Price, Walter Wear, Essie Stansbury, and Winnie Dobbins.

A log church was erected at a point about two miles northwest of Mohawk in the year of 1859 by Anthony V. Rumler, Harvey True and William Wilson, board of trustees. A frame church was erected at the same location in 1883. This frame church was moved to

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Mohawk in 1896 under the pastorate of Rev. W. L. DeMunbrun. An extension was built to the church in 1902 at a cost of $1500, making a church worth about three thousand dollars.

OTTERBEIN CHURCH

The Otterbein Church was organized by Rev. F. M. DeMunbrun in November, 1881, at schoolhouse number seven in Hancock County, Indiana, with the following charter members: John H. Apple, Agnes Apple, Sarah Wilson Halstead, John Parker, Isabelle Parker, Jane Parker, Mollie Parker, Wils Parker, Thomas Price, Calvin Crump, Sarepta Crump, Cora McClony Sanford, and Mary Jones Parker.

In June, 1882, John H. Apple and Agnes Apple, his wife, deeded one-half acre of land out of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 27, Buck Creek Township, Hancock County, Indiana, to Calvin Crump, John H. Apple and George W. Parker, board of trustees, for the purpose of erecting a church. This board of trustees proceeded to the erection of the Otterbein Church in 1882 at a cost of $1400, which was dedicated December 3, 1882, by Bishop E. B. Kephart. The board of trustees of Otterbein composed of Frank A. Sanford, John F. Shelby, John W. Griffith, Edward Parker and Campbell Parker erected a brick veneered church in 1913 under the pastorate of H. W. Robbins which cost forty-eight hundred dollars.

The Mohawk Circuit, composed of Otterbein, Mohawk and Amity Churches, erected a parsonage at Mohawk in 1922 under the pastorate of Rev. D. P. Coddington at a valuation of three thousand dollars.

SUGAR GROVE CHURCH

Sugar Grove Church near Milner Corners was organized by Rev. William Gossett in 1883, at schoolhouse number one, Green Township, Hancock County, Indiana, with the following charter members: Samuel Valentine, Andrew Jackson, Priscilla Jackson, William Padgett, Mary H. Padgett, John W. Jackson, Joel Manning, Mehusta Manning, Francis M. Jackson, Lucinda Jackson, Ruhama Dawson and William Valentine. William Padgett was the first class leader and John W. Jackson, the first steward.

The Sugar Grove frame church was erected in 1885, one-half mile west of Milner Corners in Green Township, Hancock County,

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Indiana, at a cost of $2800, by Samuel A. Troy, John W. Keller, Joel Manning, Charles H. Troy, Francis M. Jackson and Mathew L. Frank, board of trustees.

The Sugar Grove Church in 1920 erected a splendid brick edifice on the site of the old frame structure at a cost of eighteen thousand dollars. Rev. A. B. Arford was the pastor, and Charles H. Troy, Edward J. Kellar, Francis M. Jackson, Ray Wilson and Almond Murfin, board of trustees.

WARRINGTON CHURCH

The Warrington Church was organized in 1856 at the house of Thomas Armstrong, just north of Warrington, by Revs. John Smith and A. Carroll, and was attached to Fall Creek Circuit with the following charter members: Thomas Armstrong, steward; Rebecca Armstrong,[a] leader; Frisby Holliday, Elizabeth Holliday, John Bridges, Elizabeth Bridges, John W. Trees, and Elizabeth Trees. They held services at the house of Thomas Armstrong for about six years after which the society worshipped about eight years in the Warrington schoolhouse.

On the 6th day of May, A. D. 1871, John W. Trees and Elizabeth Trees, his wife, deeded lot number forty-seven in Warrington to John Bridges, Thomas H. Armstrong and John W. Trees, trustees of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, for the use of said church as a place of worship. The trustees then erected upon said lots during the year of 1871 a large frame church house at a cost of seventeen hundred dollars, which was used as a place of worship until 1920 when the trustees purchased the church belonging to the Disciples Church.

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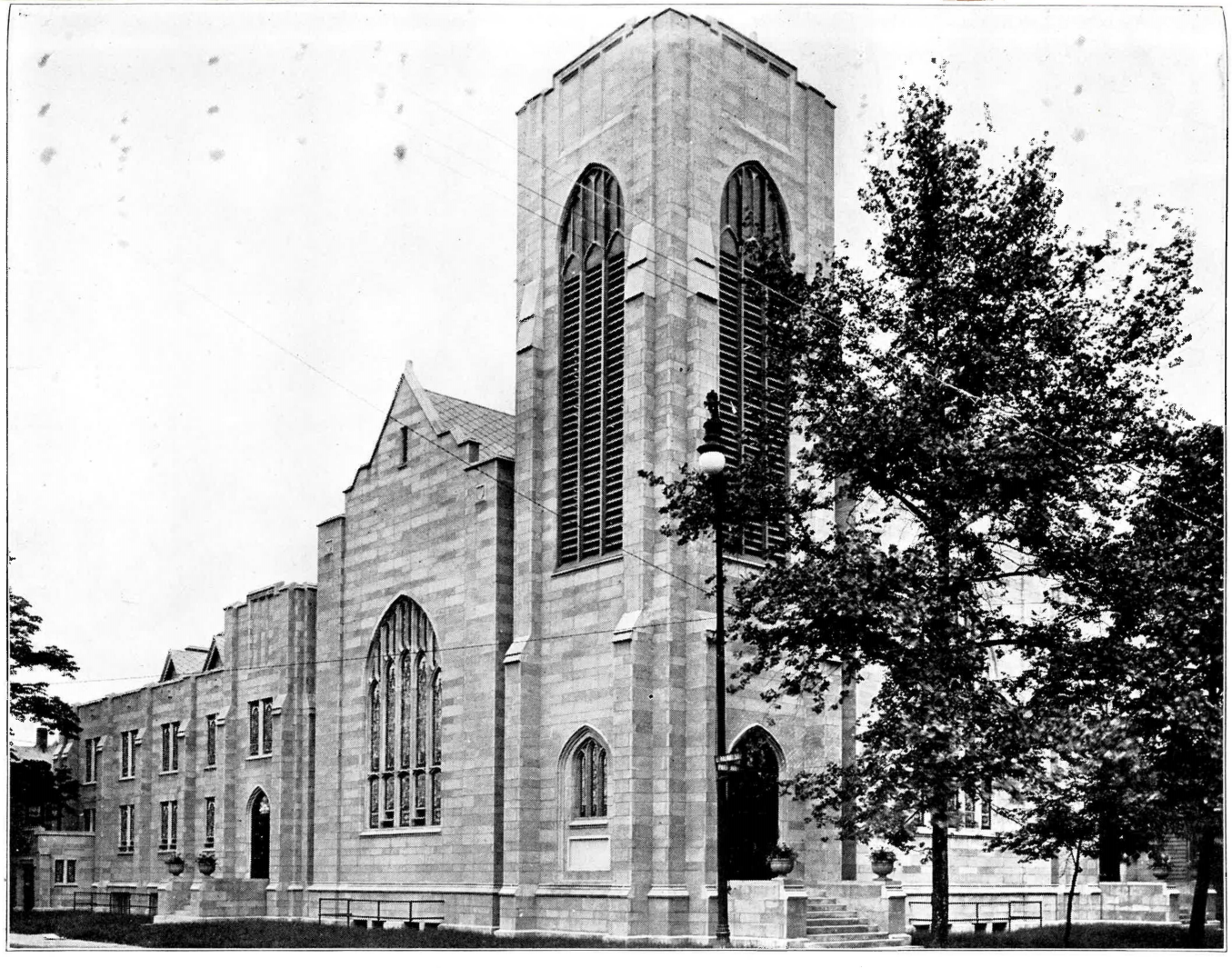

First Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, Organized By Rev. Joseph A. Ball, In 1844

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CHAPTER II

MARION DISTRICT

GRANT COUNTY

KNOX CHAPEL

THE Knox Class was organized by Jeremiah Perkins, a charter member of White River Conference, in November, 1848, with the following charter members: John Knox, Elizabeth Knox, William Knox, Susan Clevenger Knox, Spencer Spell, Mary Spell, Aquila Day, Rachael Day, Abraham Downs, Barbara Young Downs, Eleazer John and Sarah John.

The present brick building, called Knox Chapel, located near the middle of the south line of Section 26, Green Township, Grant County, Indiana, was erected under the pastorate of Rev. Chas. W. Rector, by trustees Isaac Rybolt, Samuel W. Titus, Jesse F. Downs, Joseph Miller and William Downs, and was dedicated by Bishop J. Weaver, June 16, 1883. Prior to the erection of this brick church a log church had been erected on the same site in 1856 in which the class worshipped for more than a score of years.

MARION, FIRST CHURCH

Marion, First Church, was organized in a hall at the corner of Nebraska and Second Streets, Marion, Indiana, in the autumn of 1887, by Rev. I. V. McCarty, pastor of the Marion Circuit, with the following charter members: Amos Baker, Sarah Baker, Nancy Bockover, Samuel Bradbury, Anna Bradbury, Benjamin E. Brock, Malinda Brock, Emma Brock, Lizzie Brock, Henry B. Cole, Elizabeth Cole, David O. Darling, Mary A. Darling, John Edwards, Alice Edwards, S. L. Goble, Lydia Goble, Albert Jackson, Martha Jackson, Martha Nall, Jesse H. Nall, C. L. Newlin, Sarah Newlin, Theodore Osborn, Clara Osborn, Andrew K. Reed, Jennie Reed, Nancy Sheren, Tirza Sheren, Barney Sheren, John Terwillegar, Junietta Terwillegar, Seth Thomas and Elizabeth Thomas.

The First United Brethren Church house was a brick building erected at the corner of Delphi Avenue and Second Street, Marion, Indiana, in 1893, by Rev. David O. Darling, pastor, and by A. W. Hollingsworth, David O. Darling, Henry B. Cole, Barney Sheren and Seth Thomas, board of trustees, at a cost of four thousand

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dollars. An extension was built to the church in 1901 by Rev. J. E. Shannon, pastor, and by Benjamin E. Brock, Samuel Will, Andrew K. Reed, Frank T. Bolen, Humphrey Gauntt and James W. Taylor, board of trustees, at a cost of six thousand dollars.

The parsonage situated at 1134 West Third Street, was purchased by Rev. W. L. Waldo, pastor, and Frank Livengood, Ernest R. Stephens, John Kretsinger, Walter C. Bish and Isaiah Wall, board of trustees, February 11, 1920, costing five thousand dollars.

MARION, CHRISTY STREET CHURCH

Marion, Christy Street Church, was organized at the house of Alonzo Leaming on Wiley Street, Marion, Indiana, in the spring of 1893 by Rev. D. O. Darling, pastor of Marion First Church, with the following charter members: Alonzo Leaming, Elizabeth Leaming, James Welsh, Emma Welsh, Wesley Bowman, Richard Dillon, Matilda Dillon, George Long, Martha Long, Margaret Irvin, William Miller, Mary Miller, George Miller and Margaret Miller.

The Christy Street Church was erected at the southeast corner of Christy and Brownlee Streets by Rev. D. O. Darling, pastor, and James Welsh, Wesley Bowman and Richard Dillon, trustees, in 1893, at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars, and was dedicated by Rev. A. C. Wilmore, D.D., October 28, 1893. An extension was built to this church under the pastorate of Rev. W. E. Dye in 1925 at a cost of three thousand dollars.

A new parsonage erected near the church under the pastorate of Rev. W. E. Dye was dedicated May 3, 1925, by Superintendent J. B. Parsons at an estimated cost of two thousand five hundred dollars.

MARION, SPENCER AVENUE CHURCH

Marion, Spencer Avenue Church, was organized in the spring of 1905 by Rev. J. B. Parsons, pastor, with the following charter members: Amos Baker, Sarah Baker, Alfred Baker, Lizzie Baker, Thomas Moore, Emma Moore, Hiram Parent, Jennie Parent, Elizabeth Cotton, Leo Strump, Alice Strump, John Hunt, Mary Hunt, Elizabeth Lee, Mary Scott, Pearl Clow, Emma DuBuque, Edith DuBuque Stevens, Henry Sutton and Emma Sutton.

The Spencer Avenue Church was erected at the southeast corner of Spencer and Butler Avenues in the year of 1906, under the pastorate of Rev. J. E. Shannon, by Alfred Baker, Thomas Moore, Hiram Parent, Leo Strump and Marion Oden, board of trustees, at a cost of three thousand five hundred dollars.

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MARION, SWAYZEE STREET CHURCH

Marion, Swayzee Street Church, was organized in the autumn of 1905 by Rev. J. E. Shannon, pastor of First Church, Marion. The following is a list of charter members: Henry Bragg, Angeline Bragg, Harry H. Bragg, May Bragg, Henry J. Ketner, Mary A. Ketner, Harry Korbel, Ella Korbel, Lucy Hillsamer Thompson, Jennie Hillsamer, Charles J. Ogilbee, Delight Hillsamer Ogilbee, James C. McPhilamy, Minnie McPhilamy, Claude Baker, Blanche Baker, William Messick and Rachael Messick.

The Swayzee street frame church house at the southeast corner of Adams and Swayzee streets was purchased by Rev. E. J. Scott, pastor, and Harry H. Bragg, Henry J. Ketner, Harry Korbel, Charles J. Ogilbee and James C. McPhilamy, board of trustees, in the autumn of 1906, at a cost of $1125. An extension to the church was built in 1914 by Rev. J. Rosenbarger, pastor, and Henry J. Ketner, Emmit A. Bish and Charles Bowman, trustees, at a cost of three thousand dollars.

The parsonage of the Swayzee Street Church at the northeast corner of Washington and Swayzee streets, was purchased in the autumn of 1919 by Rev. J. A. Bray, pastor, and Joseph F. Lacey, William F. Enslen and John O. Lewis, trustees. The deed was executed April 28, 1921, to Henry J. Ketner, Emmit A. Bish and Charles Bowman, trustees, at a consideration of eighteen hundred dollars. The parsonage was remodeled in 1923 by Rev. C. G. McCrocklin, pastor, and by Harry H. Bragg, Emmitt A. Bish, Charles R. Bowman, Russell A. Plyley and John Prail, trustees, at a cost of twenty-two hundred dollars.

OAK CHAPEL CHURCH

Oak Chapel Class, first called Wickersham Class, in Monroe Township, Grant County, Indiana, was organized at the Wickersham schoolhouse in the spring of 1856, by Rev. James S. Wall, pastor of Marion Circuit, with the following charter members: Thomas Mattox, Aseneth Mattox, Binum Pierce, Sarah Pierce, Catharine Stout, Jonathan Hodgson, Elizabeth Hodgson, Addison Wright, Elizabeth Wright, Joseph Mattox, Rachel Mattox, Ellen Atkinson, Lucy Nelson, Margaret Pierce, Catharine Pierce, Rachael R. Baker, Catharine Wall, Margaret Rousch, Addie Baker and Josephine Thomason.

Oak Chapel, situated in Section thirteen, Monroe Township, Grant County, Indiana, was erected under the pastorate of Rev

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L. N. Jones, pastor of Marion Circuit, by Binum Pierce, John Stout, Joseph Mattox, Isaiah Wall and Jonathan Hodgson, board of trustees, in 1876, at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars and was dedicated by Bishop Jonathan Weaver, February 4, 1877.

SALEM CHURCH

Salem Class in Washington Township, Grant County, Indiana, was organized in the autumn of 1845, by Rev. John Griffith, pastor of Marion Circuit, with the following charter members: John Y. Parlett, Mary A. Parlett, David O. Farrell, Hannah Farrell, Abraham Shank, Mary Shank, John Null, Mary Null, David Hillsamer, Catharine Hillsamer, Adam Feighner, Sr., Sarah Feighner, William Daily, Sally Daily, John W. Shinholt, Catharine J. Shinholt, Samuel Woolman, Elizabeth Woolman, Calvin B. McRae, and Sarah McRae.

The Salem meeting house was erected in the northeast corner of Section thirty-six, Washington Township, Grant County, Indiana, (Deed Record Book T, page 493) under the pastorate of Rev. Milton Wright in 1860, by John Y. Parlett, John W. Shinholt and Adam Feighner, board of trustees, at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars.

UNION CHURCH

The Union Class, first called Shank's Class, in Washington Township, Grant County, Indiana, was organized in 1849 by Amos R. Day, pastor of Marion Circuit, with the following charter members: Daniel Shank, Catharine Shank, Andrew Ebbert, Mary Ebbert, Louisa Bradford, Andrew Jackson, Delilah Jackson, Alice Williams, Elizabeth Ebbert, Jefferson Hamaker, Martha Hamaker, Daniel Creviston, Sarah A. Creviston, Francis A. Bradford, and Maria Bradford.

The Union Chapel was erected in Section twelve, Washington Township, Grant County, Indiana, in 1874, under the pastorate of Rev. Cyrus Smith, by William R. Jackson, Daniel Shank, Jefferson Hamaker, Isaac Bradford and Christopher B. Porter, board of trustees. (Verification of above record is found in Deed Record Book eighteen, page 572, as follows: "This indenture witnesseth that Isaac Bradford convey and warrant to William R. Jackson, Jefferson Hamaker, Daniel Shank, Christopher B. Porter and Isaac Bradford, trustees of the United Brethren Church and their successors in office on the 7th day of June A. D. 1879," then describing the situation of lot).

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The church house was dedicated at a cost of seventeen hundred dollars, by Rev. J. W. Hott, D.D., who used for his text "And he called the name of the place Bethel." Gen. 28:19.

UPLAND CHURCH

Upland Church was organized in the spring of 1895 by Rev. Thomas W. Williams, pastor of Hartford City Circuit, with the following charter members: Ezekiel Jones, Emily Jones, Frank Ballinger, Huldah Ballinger, Thomas Williams, Amanda Williams, Joseph Chapman, Mary Chapman, Cornelius Brown, Martha Brown, Elmer Davis, John Closson, Amanda Closson, Fred Huffman and Nellie Huffman.

The Upland church house, a frame building on the west side of Main Street, one-half square north of Indiana Street, was purchased in the year of 1896 under the pastorate of Rev. C. E. Hunt, by Ezekiel Jones, Frank Ballinger, and Joseph Chapman, board of trustees, at a cost of twelve hundred dollars. The church was remodeled in 1903, by the above named trustees, at a cost of eight hundred dollars.

HOWARD COUNTY

HOWARD CHAPEL CHURCH

Howard Church in Union Township, Howard County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. M. O. Jarvis in the fall of 1890 with the following charter members: Benjamin Dean, Marsel Dean, Otie Dean Summers, Thomas Hosier, Anna Hosier, Nora Hosier Zellner, William Henry Hosier, Anna D. Hosier, James Dean, Mary Dean, Caroline Conway, Fannie Conway, Sarah Conway, John Reeder, Mary Reeder, Mabel Conway Dean, and Bertha Conway Shull.

Howard Chapel was erected in 1893 in Union Township, Howard County, Indiana, under the pastorate of Rev. John A. Bushong, by Benjamin F. Dean, Anderson Conway, John Roe, Emmett Keever and Thomas Hosier, trustees, at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars.

HUNTINGTON COUNTY

MOUNT GILEAD CHURCH

Mount Gilead Church in Huntington County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. Marcus M. Thomas in the fall of 1883, with the following charter members: John Wildermuth, Sarah Wildermuth,

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Emanuel Wildermuth, Isabel Wildermuth, Isaiah Wildermuth, Samantha Wildermuth, Robert A. Morrow, Leah Morrow, Elias Hollowell, Amanda Hollowell, Benjamin Hall, Martha Hall, Martin Hewitt, and Sarah Hewitt.

The Mount Gilead church house, situated in Wayne Township, Huntington County, Indiana, was erected on the northeast corner of Section twenty-six of said township and county, by Rev. M. M. Thomas, pastor, and by John Wildermuth, Elias Hollowell and Robert A. Morrow, board of trustees, in 1883, at a cost of two thousand dollars.

OTTERBEIN CHURCH

Otterbein Church, Jefferson Township, Huntington County, Indiana, was organized at the Trammel schoolhouse in the autumn of 1860, by Rev. W. C. Ketner, pastor of Salamony Circuit, with the following charter members: Jacob S. Gard, Mary Gard, James A. Trammel, Mary Trammel, Julia Trammel Wilmore, Christian Wearly, Elizabeth Gundy, Adam P. Hanna, Sarah Hanna, John W. Holmes and Barbara Holmes.

The Otterbein Chapel was erected in 1873 under the pastorate of Rev. William C. Ketner, by Christian Wearly, Jacob S. Gard and Adam P. Hanna, board of trustees, at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars.

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH

Pleasant Grove Church in Huntington Township, Huntington County, Indiana, was organized in the autumn of 1853 by Rev. John R. Brown, pastor of Salamony Mission, White River Conference, with the following charter members: Simon Bruss, Susanna Bruss, Jesse Bunker, Isaac Barker, Hannah Barker, Elias Brown, Charlotte Brown, Daniel Beauchamp, Mary Beauchamp, Jacob Cochran, Susannah Cochran, Mary Cochran, George Leverton and Letitia Leverton.

The Pleasant Grove frame church house, situated in the southwest corner of Section twenty-nine, in Huntington Township, Huntington County, Indiana, was erected under the pastorate of Rev. Wm. C. Ketner in 1857, by Simon Bruss, Jacob Cochran and Gancey Irvin, trustees, at a cost of twelve hundred and fifty dollars.

The second church house, a brick building, was erected on the same site under the pastorate of Rev. D. E. Myers in 1880, by Jesse Bunker, Rowland Z. Brown and Frank Parker, board of trustees, at a cost of twenty-eight hundred dollars. The church installed a

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furnace and made repairs in 1911 at a cost of seven hundred dollars. The church was remodeled in the year of 1919 under the pastorate of Rev. W. A. Settle, by George F. Smith, Isaac C. Dolby, Homer A. Buzzard, Alonzo Shearer, and Charles Hoover, board of trustees, at a cost of four thousand dollars.

ZION CHURCH

Zion Class in Salamonie Township, Huntington County, Indiana, was organized at Salamony Center (Hamilton schoolhouse) in the spring of 1854, by Rev. John R. Brown, pastor of Salamony Mission, with the following charter members: Joseph Eubank, Rosanna Eubank, Aaron Eubank, David Eubank, William Eubank, Catharine Eubank, Henry Eubank, Sr., Anna Eubank, Eliza Jane Eubank, Christena Eubank, Rebecca Eubank, Sarah Eubank, Joseph Irick, Catharine Irick, John S. McClure, Mary McClure, Cynthia Blair, Ruth Leonard, George E. Shaffer, Margaret Shaffer, and Emma Shaffer.

This class worshipped in the Hamilton schoolhouse for about eighteen years. In 1872, under the pastorate of Rev. B. R. B. Holcom, Joseph Eubank, George Shaffer, John S. McClure, Joseph Irick and Henry Eubank, trustees, erected the Zion Church near the northwest corner of Section twenty-three, Salamony Township, Huntington County, Indiana, at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars.

WABASH COUNTY

BETHLEHEM CHARGE

At the session of old Indiana Conference, held at Bethel Church, Decatur County, Indiana, May 26, 1843, Bishop Henry Kumler, presiding. Rev. John Pugsley was appointed to Marion Circuit which extended from the south line of Delaware County northward to the Wabash River. Father Pugsley organized the Daleville (Rinker) Class that year and his body sleeps in that churchyard. He held regular services in the Myers and Kumler homes in the Bethlehem neighborhood.

At the fifteenth annual session of old Indiana Conference, held March 7, 1844, at the old Franklin meeting house in Franklin County, Indiana, Bishop Henry Kumler, Sr., presiding, Rev. E. B. Crousehorn was appointed to Marion Circuit. Being of that splendid German type and having been born anew, and having life

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from God, he entered upon his God-given work with great zeal and determination. He at once began a meeting in the Myers and Kumler community, resulting in many conversions.

In that spring of 1844, Father E. B. Crousehorn organized the Mount Pleasant Class in the southeast part of Liberty Township, Wabash County, Indiana, with the following charter members: Jacob Kumler, Mary Kumler, Phoebe Kumler Thomas, Jacob Myers, Mary Ann Myers, Michael Myers, Elizabeth Myers, Jesse Myers, Margaret Ketner Myers, William C. Ketner, Mary Myers Ketner, Samuel Houser, Catharine Houser, Eli Keith and Elizabeth Keith.

The Mount Pleasant meeting house was built under the pastorate of Rev. James S. Wall, by Jesse Myers, William C. Ketner and Jacob Myers, board of trustees, to which board Eli Keith and Jacob Thomas were afterward added.

The meeting house was erected near the northeast corner of Section thirty-one in Liberty Township, Wabash County, Indiana, in the year of 1856, at a cost of $1275. This church was called Mount Pleasant until 1875 when the name was changed to that of Bethlehem Church when a new frame church edifice was erected at the southwest corner of the east half of the southeast quarter of Section thirty, Liberty Township, Wabash County, Indiana, in the year of 1875, under the pastorate of Rev. F. M. Moore, by trustees, Jacob Thomas, Wm. C. Ketner, C. L. Hettler, Samuel Thomas and George Rinker, at a cost of twenty-seven hundred dollars.

This was the first United Brethren Church organized in Wabash County, and was older than either St. Joseph or White River Conference.

LINCOLNVILLE CHURCH

This church was organized under the name of Heavenridge Class, in April, 1854, by Rev. Jesse Scott, pastor of the Marion Circuit, with the following charter members: Abram Brane, Nancy Brane, Daniel Brane, Maria Brane, John Heavenridge, Edward F. Owen, Martha Owen, James F. Tweedy, Rachel Tweedy, Mary Ellen Owen, Sarah Owen, Maria Tweedy and Sarah Jane Tweedy. The class was called Heavenridge Class until 1861 when it was changed to the name of Range Line Class. July 23, 1861, John H. Jones and Nancy Jane Jones deeded one-half acre of land, situated in the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of Section thirty-one, in Lagro Township, Wabash County, Indiana, to John Heavenridge,

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Edward F. Owen and James Tweedy, trustees of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, upon which they erected the Range Line meeting house in the year of 1861 at a cost of fourteen hundred and fifty-dollars.

The Range Line meeting house was moved to Lincolnville in 1875. The second church house, a brick building, was erected in Lincolnville in Wabash County, Indiana, under the pastorate of Rev. J. M. Kabrich, by Jacob Kumler, Raford Copeland and Peter Brane, board of trustees, in the year of 1879 at a cost of four thousand dollars. The parsonage was purchased in 1899 by Rev. T. W. Williams, pastor, and Raford Copeland, Wm. F. Speicher and William Schoby, trustees, at a cost of one thousand dollars. The present modern church edifice, constructed of brick and stone, erected in Lincolnville, Indiana, under the pastorate of Rev. W. A. Settle in 1915, by Raford Copeland, Albert F. Tweedy, Albert Jeffrey, Enoch Hoch, David A. Gillespie, Jacob L. Whitcraft and John L. Mattern, board of trustees, at a cost of fifteen thousand dollars, was dedicated by Rev. W. R. Funk, D.D., on August 22, 1915.

Under the pastorate of Rev. D. R. Lusk, the Lincolnville parsonage was dedicated, December 6, 1924, valued at $3500. It is one of the best parsonages in the White River Conference.

LEBANON CHURCH

Lebanon Church, first called Millcreek Church, Waltz Township, Wabash County, Indiana, was organized in 1870 by Rev. W. C. Ketner, with the following charter members: Jacob Silvius, Catharine Silvius, Robert Savely, Elizabeth Savely, Elizabeth Kistler, Enoch Shambaugh, Elnora Shambaugh, William Dubois, Eliza Dubois, Catharine Lytle, Andrew Strayer, Clara Elizabeth Strayer, Elizabeth Miller, Lewis Shambaugh, Maria Shambaugh, John H. Silvius, James Savely and Priscilla Savely.

The Millcreek Church was erected at the northeast corner of Section thirty-one, in Waltz Township, Wabash County, Indiana, in 1874, by Rev. A. Rust, and Robert Savely, Enoch Shambaugh and Jacob Silvius, trustees, at a cost of one thousand dollars. The Lebanon church house was erected on the same site during the pastorate of Rev. David E. Myers, in 1885, by Robert Savely, Jacob Silvius, and William Dubois, trustees, costing two thousand dollars. This church was improved later by trustees Amos Ridenour, Robert C. Thompson and John Staley, with vestibule, tower and basement, at a cost of one thousand dollars.

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UNION CHURCH

Union Class in Waltz Township, Wabash County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. John A. Bray, pastor of Wabash Circuit, in the spring of 1901 with the following charter members: Hamlin E. Crow, Louise Crow, Joseph F. Richards, Rosella Richards, Sidney A. Stephens, Nora Stephens, Emma E. Overman, Cora Overman Deal, Chester Crow, Amy Crow Lewis, Bessie Crow Lewis, Bertha Richards, and Myrtle Richards.

Union Chapel, situated in Section number twenty-three, Township 26, North Range, 6 East, Waltz Township, Wabash County, Indiana, was erected under the pastorate of Rev. John A. Bray, in the year of 1901, by Hamlin S. Crow, Joseph F. Richards, Sidney A. Stephens, Edson L. Bowman and Joab Overman, board of trustees, at a cost of twenty-one hundred dollars.

WABASH, FIRST CHURCH

The White River Conference at its session held at Hartsville, Indiana, August 17-22, 1880, constituted the South Wabash Mission, appointing A. C. Wilmore pastor. He began a meeting in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South Wabash, November 22, which he continued over three weeks resulting in thirty conversions. At the close of that meeting on December 15, 1880, Rev. A. C. Wilmore organized the First United Brethren Church at Wabash, Indiana, with the following charter members: Rachael Brown, Dama Brown, Farmer H. Bennett, Mary Bennett, Alice Bennett, Esther Coppock, Louisa Cutler, Lydia Gorman, Addison Grover, Rebecca Grover, James Holland, Martha Holland, Benjamin H. Hutchins, Abel Hawkins, Sarah Hawkins, Laura Hawkins, Lizzie Hawkins, Benjamin F. Kershner, Mary Kershner, Elizabeth Miller, John N. Mills, Emma Mills, Nina Mills Adams, John Mills, John Pearson, Anna Pearson, Phoebe Shambaugh, Ellen Shambaugh, Laura Showalter, Robert Smith, Savannah Smith, Lydia Snyder Coldren, and Lydia Swafford.

The first church building was erected in 1887 under the pastorate of Rev. F. M. Moore by Benjamin F. Kershner, Samuel C. Sweet, Farmer H. Bennett, William Brown and Benjamin H. Hutchins, board of trustees, at a cost of twenty-one hundred dollars.

The first parsonage was erected in the year of 1891 at a cost of one thousand dollars. The second parsonage was erected in 1913,

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under the pastorate of Rev. C. P. Martin, by trustees R. J. Weimer, Walter Freeman, H. S. Hippensteel, John A. Burns and John Koons, at a cost of two thousand dollars.

The present modern church edifice, built at the southwest corner of Adams and Columbus streets, of brick and stone, was erected under the pastorate of Rev. J. I. Lindsay in the year of 1915, by William W. Unger, Richard J. Weimer, H. S. Hippensteel, John A. Burns and John Koons, board of trustees, at a cost of twenty-two thousand dollars. This church was dedicated by Bishop Henry H. Fout, January 16, 1916.

WABASH, SECOND CHURCH

The Second United Brethren Church of Wabash, Indiana, was organized at the house of Homer Williamson in Wabash, March 15, 1905, by Rev. J. H. Nall, pastor of Wabash First Church, with the following charter members: Fred Rish, Inez Rish, Samuel Lutz, Anna Lutz, Charles A. Carpenter, Kate Carpenter, Rose Havens, Samuel Lower, Mary Lower, Milton L. Owen, Lydia Owen, Benjamin Durfee, Homer S. Williamson, Della Purdy, Clara Roblett, F. S. Metzger, Richard White, and Rosetta White.

The Second United Brethren Church house of Wabash, Indiana, a brick building at the northeast corner of Wabash and Lafayette streets, was erected in 1905 under the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Nall, by Samuel Lutz, Fred Rish and Bert Havens, board of trustees, at a cost of five thousand dollars. It was dedicated January 6, 1906.

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CHAPTER III

MUNCIE DISTRICT

DELAWARE COUNTY

DALEVILLE CHURCH

DALEVILLE Class, first called Rinker Class, was organized by Rev. John Pugsley at a private house near Daleville, Indiana, in July, 1843, which organization was perfected at a later date at the house of John Rinker, one-half mile east of Daleville with the following charter members: John Rinker, Jane Rinker, Malinda Hipes, Samuel Sullivan, Eliza Sullivan, Lavina Saunders, Mahala Sullivan, Henry Hermon, Mahala Hermon, Peter Suman, Daniel Rinker, Eunice Meeks, Rev. John Pugsley, Mary Pugsley, Abraham Pugsley, William Lewark, Malinda Pugsley Lewark, and Abigail Pugsley Fenwick.

This society belonged first to Marion Circuit. The conference of 1851 attached it to Fall Creek Circuit and later to Middletown Circuit. The class held services the first four years in private houses, then the services were held in the house of John Rinker for nine years, after which the Daleville schoolhouse was occupied five years. A revival held in the schoolhouse in March, 1859, by Rev. A. Carroll, resulting in sixty-five accessions, was the main cause of the movement to erect a church house which was completed in 1861 at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars. The trustees in charge of the work were Michael Richman, Samuel Sullivan and Peter Suman. The house was dedicated in November, 1861, by Bishop D. Edwards.

A splendid new brick church was erected at Daleville in 1923 by Rev. Millard Beall, pastor, and N. C. Henkle, C. E. Bradfield, W. S. Brandon, Burk L. Jackson, Atlee Rinker, N. R. Wisehart and Charles E. Painter, trustees, at a cost of thirty thousand dollars.

CENTER CHURCH

Center Church in Hamilton Township, Delaware County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. M. L. Bailey in 1888 with the following charter members: George Turner, Rosa Turner, William A. Pittenger, Elizabeth Pittenger, Elsie Pittenger, George O. Moore, Susanna Moore, Rebecca Kirby, Nancy McLain, Roberta Strong and Mary Cooley.

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Under the pastorate of Rev. N. S. Transbarger, a subscription was raised and the new church was erected on one-half acre out of Section 16, Hamilton Township, Delaware County, Indiana, by trustees George Turner, William Pittenger, Simon Conn, Jeremiah West and George Russell, at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars. The church house was completed in August and was dedicated by Rev. D. O. Darling, October 2, 1892.

The lot on which the church was erected was purchased of John A. Snider, January 26, 1892, the consideration being one hundred dollars.

CORINTH CHURCH

Corinth Class was organized in the month of October, 1859, by Rev. J. B. Irvin at the McKinney schoolhouse, one mile south of the present site of Corinth Church in Monroe Township, Delaware County, Indiana, and was attached to Stony Creek Circuit as an appointment, with the following charter members: Elijah Miller, Mary E. Miller, John Ross, Susanna Ross, Samuel Clevenger, Abigail Clevenger, Thomas Clevenger, Hannah Clevenger, William Finley, and Elizabeth Finley.

The frame church was built in 1869 by Rev. John T. Vardaman, pastor of Stony Creek Circuit, at a cost of twelve hundred dollars, with the following trustees: Elijah Miller, John Ross and Thomas Clevenger.

The Corinth Church was remodeled during the pastorate of Rev. A. M. Robbins in 1905 at a cost of nine hundred dollars, by A. McConnell, Ed. Finley and Wm. Stifler, trustees. It was again remodeled in 1921 under the pastorate of Rev. C. I. Roush at a cost of eight hundred dollars, by the following trustees: Ed. Finley, Wm. Stifler, John Current, Clark Turner and Ed. Long.

MUNCIE, FOUNTAIN SQUARE CHURCH

The Fountain Square Class was organized November 10, 1914, in a hall at the corner of Macedonia Avenue and Willard Street. Our people had been holding services at that place for three years before that time but the conference officials had been slow to recognize the undertaking. However, on the 10th day of November, 1914, the class was officially recognized by Rev. J. E. Shannon, Conference Superintendent. Doctor Shannon appointed A. C. Wilmore to the pastorate who occupied that position seven years.

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The following is a list of the charter members: Theodore Brown, Sarah Brown, Richard F. Freeman, Amelia J. Freeman, William Alles, Margaret Alles, Theresa King, Lennie Pumel, William L. Langdon, Clara McLaughlin, Joseph R. Silvers, Cordie Silvers, Rhea Snyder, Charles W. Brees, Sarah Brees, Donna Brees, Irene Brees, Verdys J. Brees, Augusta Brees, William Haggard and Icey Haggard.

A board of trustees was elected, composed of Richard F. Freeman, Augustus C. Wilmore and Theodore Brown, who purchased a lot on the corner of Blaine and Seymour streets, May 15, 1916, which cost five hundred dollars. In 1922 Rev. Marion E. Stadler, pastor, and Richard F. Freeman, Marion E. Stadler and John M. Dotson, board of trustees, erected a frame church house on this lot at an estimated cost of seven thousand dollars.

MUNCIE, INDUSTRY CHURCH

Industry Church of Muncie, Indiana, was organized by Rev. Daniel E. Johnson in June, 1901, with the following charter members: Elijah Bell, Amanda Bell, Samuel Monroe Bell, Leora Bell, Gola Stewart, Anna Stewart, Theodore Brown, Sarah Brown, Erasmus Gumm, Nancy Gumm, Harvey Silvers, Mary J. Silvers, Corda Mitchell, John Kousman, John Helvie, Letha Helvie, Edna Grice, Ollie Grice, Susan Stanley, Herbert Stanley, Eva Stanley, Viola Vanscoy, John Venable, Ida Venable, Ira Lanich, Lillie Lanich, Richard Morris, Ambrose Morris, Lucy Morris, Maud Lamb, Mark West, Wesley Dye, Nellie Shyock, James Lutz, James Bookout, William Tharp and Elizabeth Tharp.

The movement for the new church began with cottage prayer meetings. The first sermon was preached in the yard of Erasmus Gumm, by Rev. D. E. Johnson who organized the church in the open. A lot was purchased on the east side of Macedonia pike just south of Twelfth Street, upon which a frame church was erected in 1902 by Rev. D. E. Johnson, pastor, and Theodore Brown, Erasmus Gumm, Monroe Bell, and Edmund B. Ball, board of trustees, at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars.

On December 28, 1920, Edmund B. Ball and wife, deeded one acre of land valued at $2250 to the Industry United Brethren Church for church and parsonage purposes, upon which was a dwelling which is now used as a parsonage.

In the year of 1923, under the pastorate of Rev. C. C. Fruth, James B. Finley, Benson E. McCord, Harvey Silvers, John L. Jack-

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son, Fred J. Young, Carl Hole and Edmund B. Ball, trustees, erected the new brick veneered church edifice at a cost of twenty-four thousand dollars.

MUNCIE, NORMAL CITY CHURCH

The beginning of this church was the organization of a Sunday school in October, 1904. This school was conducted in what was known as the "little white church;" then owned by the Presbyterians, at the corner of Adams and Calvert streets. The church was organized in January, 1905, with the following charter members: J. Walter Gibson, Bertha Gibson, Ella Priddy, Clara Priddy, Odessa Priddy, George L. Calvert, Anna Calvert, D. L. Handley, Mary Handley, A. Kane, Margaret Kane, R. Bowden, Ruhama Bowden and Rebecca Kirby. Immediately following this organization an evangelistic meeting was held at which there were fifty-two members received into the church.

At that time the "little white church" was purchased from the Presbyterians for five hundred dollars. The following brethren were elected trustees of this new Normal City Church: J. Walter Gibson, Isaac Booth, George L. Calvert, George W. Vinson and Noah D. Fording. Two lots were purchased at the corner of Jackson and Calvert streets in Muncie, February 26, 1907, at a cost of eight hundred and fifty dollars. The trustees began the erection of the present brick church in 1908 and completed and dedicated it July 3, 1909, at a cost of twelve thousand dollars.

In the spring of 1922 a new parsonage was erected by the Normal City Church under the pastorate of Rev. L. L. Schoonover, worth five thousand dollars. The building stands on the lot east of the church.

In the summer of 1925 Rev. J. A. Brenneman, pastor, and trustees, John W. Brown, Frank Gibson, John H. Townsend, James D. May and Walter Shaw, remodeled the Normal City Church at a cost of three thousand dollars.

MUNCIE, RIVERSIDE CHURCH

The Riverside Church was organized in April, 1903, by Rev. Richard G. Hammond at the corner of Wheeling and Bethel Avenues with the following charter members: Charles McCrillus, Catharine McCrillus, Lula Wills, Samuel Fadely, Florence Fadely, Carroll Fadely, Sarah Jane Hanking, Olive Hanking, Ernest Snyder, Minnie Snyder, Martha Landis, William Fadely, George Brownlee, Andrew

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Shillenberger, D. Osmus, Sarah Osmus, Emmet P. Day, May Day, Helen Day, Melvin Fodge, Priscilla Fodge, Vana Fodge, Chauncey Fodge, Nancy Hancock, Ranie West, Jennie Gamble, Robert Gamble, and Martha Smith.

The following board of trustees was elected November 2, 1903, and recorded November 9, 1903, in Miscellaneous Record P, page 320, Delaware County; namely, Edward W. Smith, Samuel Fadely, William Fadely, Emmet P. Day, Ernest Snyder, Charles E. Lambert and George Himes. A lot was purchased at the corner of Wheeling and Neely Avenues in Muncie by the board of trustees in November, 1903, upon which a brick church was erected in 1904 at a cost of eight thousand dollars.

Rev. Hiram S. James, who was appointed pastor of the new Riverside Church by the annual conference of 1904 was the promoter of this church enterprise.

A parsonage was purchased in 1917 under the pastorate of Rev. C. E. Small worth three thousand dollars.

MACEDONIA CHURCH

The Macedonia Church in Monroe Township, Delaware County, was organized in the spring of 1852 by Rev. Amos R. Day, pastor of Stony Creek Circuit, with the following charter members: David Ogle, Nancy Ogle, Moses Lutes, Anna Lutes, Arthur Rector, Mary Rector, Robert Turner, Rebecca Turner, John Gibson, Phoebe Gibson, Amos Cray, Margaret Cray, John Nelson, Jane Nelson, William Gibson and Catharine Gibson.

A frame church was erected on a lot in the southeast corner of Section 14, Monroe Township, Delaware County, Indiana, in 1859, by Rev. W. C. Ketner, pastor, and John Gibson, David Ogle and Amos Cray, trustees, at a cost of fourteen hundred and fifty dollars. It was remodeled in 1903 under the pastorate of Rev. M. A. Robbins, by Clark Turner, Benjamin Wiseman, William Turner, Simeon Hyatt and Silas Johnson, trustees, costing eight hundred and seventy-five dollars.

MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH

The Mount Pleasant Class, Perry Township, Delaware County, Indiana, was organized June, 1843, by W. W. Richardson, pastor, Blountsville Circuit, with the following charter members: Barkley Benbow, Mary Benbow, Jonathan Rector, Mary Rector, Mahlon Branson, Margaret Branson, Israel Downing, Elizabeth Downing,

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Jesse Chalfant, Elizabeth Chalfant, James Harvey Jackson, Elizabeth West Jackson, William Felton, Sarah Felton, Robert Branson, Polly Branson, Peter Dragoo, Patsy Dragoo, Edward Benbow, Susan Benbow, Joel Chalfant, Cynthia A. Chalfant, Lemuel Dragoo, John Dragoo, Sr., Mary Dragoo, Sr., Canty Benbow, and Lydia Benbow.

The class held services in private homes until 1845 when the pastor, Rev. W. W. Richardson, proceeded to the building of a hewed log church on the present site, with the following trustees: Mahlon Branson, Jonathan Rector, and David Ogle. Services were held in this church eighteen years. The frame church house was erected on the present site under the pastorate of Rev. J. S. Wall, in 1858, by the following trustees, James H. Jackson, Edward Benbow and Jeremiah S. Jackson at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars.

This church was remodeled in the year of 1881 under the pastorate of Rev. F. M. Moore at a cost of eight hundred dollars, by the following trustees: James Harvey Jackson, William Daugherty and Hezekiah Shuttleworth. The Mt. Pleasant Church was built with an extension in 1906. The enterprise was begun by Rev. A. M. Robbins, pastor, and completed and dedicated December 2, 1906, under A. C. Wilmore, pastor, and Daniel Dragoo, Edward D. Jackson, Sherman Cross, John C. Dragoo and Eli Walradth, trustees, at a cost of two thousand dollars. The present church edifice was erected in the year of 1915 under the pastorate of Rev. G. R. Powell at a cost of three thousand dollars, by the following trustees: John C. Dragoo, William E. Rees and Carl J. Dragoo.

OLIVE CHURCH

Olive Class, in Harrison Township, Delaware County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. Arthur Rector in 1869, with the following charter members: Edward Benbow, Susan Benbow, Jonathan Rector, Polly Rector, James Rector, Sr., Amanda Rector, Truman Coats, Lois Coats, Isaac Coffin, Mary Coffin, Henry Benbow, Catherine Benbow, Paulina Chalfant and Jessie Chalfant.

Rev. Arthur Rector, pastor of the class, proceeded to raise a subscription to erect a church house. The church building was erected in 1870 by Jonathan Rector, Edward Benbow and James Rector, Sr., board of trustees. It was called Olive Chapel and cost fifteen hundred dollars.

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SELMA CHURCH

The Selma Class, first called Bortsfield Class, was organized by Rev. W. W. Richardson, pastor of Mississinewa Circuit at a private house north of Selma, in October, 1842, and is therefore the oldest United Brethren Church in Delaware County. The charter members are as follows: John Bortsfield, Mary Bortsfield, Adam Boots, Sarah Boots, Jacob Dickover, Hannah Dickover, Christian Sholty, Elizabeth Sholty, Henry Spangler, Anna Marie Spangler, John Goings, Sarah Goings, William Goings, Susan Goings, John Bortsfield, Jr., Matilda Bortsfield, John Fielding Jackson and Martha Jackson.

The first frame church house was erected under the pastorate of Rev. A. R. Day in 1854, at a cost of fourteen hundred dollars, by trustees John Bortsfield, Jacob Dickover and Christian Sholty. The present church building was begun in 1896 by trustees, Edward Shull, John C. Barnes, Fielding Jackson, Sherman Dunkin, and Stowder Watson, and was dedicated in 1897, at a cost of twenty-four hundred dollars.

This old church organization was duly recognized when Platt E. Mott was elected the first lay delegate from White River Conference to General Conference, the General Conference being held at Dayton, Ohio, in May 1893. In 1920 a new parsonage was purchased in an excellent location, at a cost of four thousand dollars.

BLACKFORD COUNTY

BETHEL CHURCH

(Near Dunkirk, Ind.)

The Bethel Class was organized at the house of William Whetsel in Jackson Township, Blackford County, Indiana, in November, 1851, by Rev. L. S. Farber, pastor of Wabash Circuit, Miami Conference, with the following charter members: William J. Whetsel, Sarah Whetsel, Bethany Taylor, Mary Taylor, C. F. Hoover, John Burtrel, Elizabeth Burtrel, Jane Haynes, Adam Kesler, Sr., Eliza Kesler.

The first church house was erected at the southeast corner of Section 17, Jackson Township, Blackford County, Indiana, on the Blackford-Jay County Line, in the summer of 1875, by William J. Whetsel, Aaron S. Whetsel, and Sidney Potter, board of trustees. The house was dedicated by Bishop Jonathan Weaver, August 8, 1875, at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars.

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The present frame church edifice of Bethel Church, Dunkirk Circuit, was erected on the site of the old church in the year of 1916 under the pastorate of Rev. C. E. Hunt, by Aaron S. Whetsel, J. M. Dixon, Augustus Cline, Frank Cline, John Farris, James McEwen and Marion Rook, trustees, at a cost of six thousand dollars.

HISTORY OF UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH IN BLACKFORD COUNTY, INDIANA

The following account of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in Blackford County is taken from J. A. Bray and M. F. Dawson's historical record published in the Silent Evangel:

In the year of 1874, White River Annual Conference, held at Daleville, Indiana, Bishop John Dickson presiding, organized a circuit embracing the territory of Grant and Blackford Counties, which was named Dundee Circuit, and Rev. David O. Farrell was appointed pastor. During the year he organized a class at Wadle schoolhouse, three miles north of Hartford City, Indiana, composed chiefly of the Russels, Knoxs, Stallsmiths and Seeligs as charter members.

In 1875 Rev. W. C. Ketner was appo nted pastor of this charge and he added Slater schoolhouse, in Hiarrison Township, as an appointment, but did not organize a church or Sunday school.

In 1876 the White River Conference organized Montpelier Mission, composed of Blackford County, and Penn Township of Jay County. This mission consisted of three appointments, namely, Gilead Church in Jay County, and Wadle and Slater appointments, in Blackford County. Rev. J. M. Ware who was appointed pastor of this new mission, died in February, 1877, and the presiding elder, Rev. M. L. Bailey then appointed Rev. W. C. Ketner pastor for the remainder of the conference year.

In August of 1877, the conference appointed Rev. A. C. Wilmore to the Montpelier Mission. He found sixty members at the Gilead Church, but the entire membership of the Blackford County appointments consisted of only some forty members. His salary was fixed at three hundred dollars for the year of which one hundred dollars came from the Home Missionary Society of the church. During that year two hundred and four were received into church membership of which one hundred and fifty were in Blackford County.

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At Slater a church was organized with seventy members. At Millgrove a church of about sixty members was also organized, and twenty members were added to the Wadle Class.

Reverend Wilmore was the first United Brethren pastor to move to his charge in Blackford County. His parsonage was a one-story log house with two rooms located on the Dowell farm, two miles northeast of Hartford City. Thus, this apostle of United Brethrenism in Blackford County began his career. For three years he was continued as the faithful and successful pastor of Montpelier charge in which he received three hundred and forty-three members into the church, of which two hundred and fifty were of the Blackford County classes.

From the Slater appointment the Bethel Church was the splendid outgrowth. His baptismal services in Lick Creek above and below Hartford City where scores of members were baptized attracted large gatherings. His extensive revivals at Wadle and Millgrove and the June Basket Meetings, north of Hartford City, were seasons of great blessings.

In 1880 Rev. William Gossett succeeded as pastor of this growing charge. He was eminently successful. During his three years as pastor he received three hundred and thirty-three members of which two hundred and forty were of the Blackford County churches.

HARTFORD CITY CHURCH

In the month of December, 1882, Reverend Gossett organized the first United Brethren class in Hartford City, holding the first services in the Dick hall on the east side of the public square, with the following charter members: Lizzie Howell, Frank Groenendyke, Clarissa Groenendyke, William N. Barnes, Sarah E. Barnes, Sarah Barnes, Timothy Martin, and Mary L. Martin.

In 1883, White River Conference organized Hartford City Circuit composed of Hartford City, Wadle and Bethel classes. Rev. N. L. Hoopingarner was appointed pastor and served one year. He was succeeded in 1884 by Rev. G. L. Mattox, who held extensive revivals on the charge and erected a frame church in Hartford City on West Franklin Street, at a cost of seventeen hundred dollars.

When Rev. J. A. Bray was assigned to the charge in 1903, Hartford City class had but seventy-six members, and property worth some nine hundred dollars. During his very successful pastorate, Hartford City was constituted a station. The church was relocated

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with a new church building erected and equipped, worth fifteen thousand dollars and a membership of four hundred and forty-six.

Rev. M. F. Dawson was assigned to Hartford City in 1912 and began his pastorate with a church membership of four hundred and forty-six, and a Sunday-school enrollment of six hundred and sixty-two. During his pastorate of nine years, Brother Dawson received one thousand members into the Hartford City Church. In 1921, at the close of his pastorate, the church membership had mounted to one thousand and eighty-two, a net increase of six hundred and thirty-six; and the Sunday-school enrollment had increased to seven hundred and fifty-four, an increase of about one hundred.

During the pastorate of Rev. M. F. Dawson a valuable lot was purchased adjoining the church and a parsonage was purchased on North Jefferson Street at a cost of six thousand dollars.

Just before going to press the author was informed that a splendid new parsonage has recently been erected near the church, by Rev. R. H. Turley, the pastor at a cost of six thousand dollars.

BETHEL CHURCH

(Near Montpelier, Indiana)

Bethel Church was organized by Rev. A. C. Wilmore in September 1877, with the following charter members: Isaac M. Ricketts, Nancy Ricketts, Hannah E. Ricketts, George Grimes, Charity Lincoln, Mary E. Lincoln, Ephraim C. Cross, Emmeline Cross, and Ellen Bates. The first officers were George Grimes, leader, and Isaac M. Ricketts, steward.

The church services were held in the Slater schoolhouse for about four years when the quarterly conference elected a board of trustees as follows: Isaac Ricketts, John Kirkpatrick, David Lincoln, Martin V. Williams, and Thomas T. McGeath. These trustees purchased one-half acre of land at the northwest corner of Section thirteen on the west line of Harrison Township, Blackford County, Indiana.

In 1879 Rev. A. C. Wilmore, pastor of the church, proceeded to raise a subscription to erect a new church house. The house was erected in 1880 on the land purchased by the trustees, at a cost of twelve hundred dollars. During the three years' pastorate of A. C. Wilmore, one hundred and twenty members were received into the church.

The Bethel Church was remodeled in 1898 under the second pastorate of A. C. Wilmore at a cost of five hundred dollars.

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CENTER CHURCH

The Center Church in Washington Township, Blackford County, Indiana, was organized at Dundee, now called Roll, by Rev. I. V. McCarty, in March, 1888, with the following charter members Benjamin F. Kelley, Rebecca E. Kelley, William Kelley, Amanda Kelley, Luther E. Kelley, Maurice H. Roberds, William Roberds, Lizzie Roberds, Lillie Roberds, Hattie Roberds, Susan Mills, Mary Newhouse, William Graves, Rachael Graves, Ada Graves, Barbara Robb, Rachael Robb, Elias Johnson, John L. Russell, Mariah Clevenger Russell, Mary Russell, Eli Ballenger, Nathan Ballenger, Henry Wohlfarth, Rosa Wohlfarth, Henry Wohlfarth, Jr., Freely Wohlfarth, and Nancy Johnson.

The church worshipped in the Dundee schoolhouse until 1895 when William H. Kelley, Maurice H. Roberds and Frank Gordon, trustees, purchased Center Church, south of Roll, which was improved and dedicated by Rev. A. C. Wilmore November 1, 1896, having a valuation of fourteen hundred dollars.

PLEASANT DALE CHURCH

Pleasant Dale Church was organized in April, 1881, by Rev. William Gossett, with the following charter members: John T. Roberts, Rebecca Roberts, Endsley Roberts, Susan Roberts, Lydia Roberts Adamson, Robert M. Rinard, Peter N. Listenfelt, Eliza Ann Listenfelt, Joseph M. K. Beamer, Thomas W. McCammon, Susan McCammon, Belle Grose, Nancy A. Dodds, John W. Bradford, Aaron Rodgers, Theopholis Morris, Wm. Edwards McCammon, Lizzie McCammon, Ellen A. Randolph, Letta Murphy, Julia Markins, Jacob Grimes, Zachary T. Timmons, Aaron Bradford, George Timmons, Martha Simonton, Nora Randolph, Jane Bradford, Minnie Lewis, Martha Bowman, Martha Dearduff, Lyda DeWitt, Walter Martin, Edward Laning, David Pittenger, Charles W. Bowman, Martha Hudson, Robert Murphy, Frank McCammon, Byron Lewis, Charles McCammon, Nancy A. Bowman, George W. Wyant, Lydia Wyant, James Pittenger, and Elizabeth Pittenger.

The board of trustees, consisting of James W. Pittenger, George W. Wyant, James G. McColly, Endsley M. Roberts and Thomas W. McCammon, secured three-fourths of an acre of land in the southwest corner of Section 26, Harrison Township, Blackford County, Indiana, for church purposes. The board of trustees erected the Pleasant Dale Church on this lot in the year of 1884 at a cost of twelve hundred dollars. In the year of 1905 under the pastorate of

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Rev. F. H. Linville, the trustees, consisting of George W. Wyant, James G. McColly, Benjamin F. Havens, Henry S. Pittenger and David M. Fisher, built an extension to the church with basement and furnace at an additional cost of sixteen hundred dollars.

A new parsonage was purchased in Montpelier, Indiana, by Rev. M. F. Dawson, pastor for the Montpelier Circuit in 1901, valued at fifteen hundred dollars. About ten years later this property was sold and a parsonage purchased of about the same value in the west part of the city of Montpelier.

MILLGROVE CHURCH

The Millgrove Church was organized by Rev. A. C. Wilmore in September, 1877, with the following charter members: Theodore Fuqua, Mary J. Fuqua, John S. Fuqua, Sarah Emmeline Fuqua, Margaret E. Way, Edwin McKeever, Zerilda McKeever, Rev. Thomas D. Furman, Nancy Furman, Margaret Furman, Cynthia A. Furman, Newton S. Gothup, Sarah J. Gothup, Mary E. Gothup, Barbara S. Gothup, Etta Thorp, Adelia E. Caldwell, Martin B. Way, Elva Constance, Emma R. McFerran, John W. Kearns, Rosetta Kearns, Mary Jetmore, Emma F. Fuqua, Elmoretta Personlett, George W. Ludy, Martha Letitia Ludy, Hannah Bowers, Mary Harrison, Joel M. Reeves, Phoebe Jane Reeves, John I. Jetmore and Mary J. Jetmore. The first officers were Thomas D. Furman, leader, and Theodore Fuqua, steward.

In 1879 Rev. A. C. Wilmore raised a subscription to erect a church house and the board of trustees composed of Theodore Fuqua, John S. Fuqua, George W. Ludy, Joel M. Reeves and Newton S. Gothup proceeded to the erection of a frame church at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars which was dedicated August 17, 1879, by Bishop Jonathan Weaver, D.D.

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CHAPTER IV
PORTLAND DISTRICT

JAY COUNTY

BELLFOUNTAINE CHURCH

THE Bellfountaine Class was organized about 1841 at Bellfountaine, near the center of Noble Township, Jay County, Indiana, by Rev. Frederick B. Hendrix, pastor of Wabash Circuit, Miami Conference, and is therefore the oldest United Brethren Church in Jay County. The following were the charter members: Jonas Hartzell, Sr., Mary Hartzell, William Hartzell, Lucinda Hartzell, Wilbur Morehouse, Susan A. Morehouse, Thomas Wheat, Samuel Huey, Rachel Huey, Reuben Campbell, Mary Campbell, Thomas Campbell, Jacob Jones, Sarah Jones, Jordan Denney, Nancy Denney, Garrett S. Gibbons, William Valentine, Hila Valentine, Jonas Harter, Jane Harter, Joseph Gillett and Mary Gillett.

The first frame church was built in the year 1849 on the present site of the Bellfountaine Church under the pastorate of Rev. H. S. Thomas, by the following trustees: Jonas J. Hartzell, Wilbur Morehouse and Samuel Huey, at a cost of one thousand dollars. The present frame church was erected in 1871 under the pastorate of Rev. J. Hiestand, by William Bushong, James Longwith and Silas A. Morehouse, trustees, at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars. The Bellfountaine Church was remodeled in 1901 under the pastorate of Rev. Allie Sipe by James Longwith, William Brumm and Ross Williamson, board of trustees, at a cost of six hundred dollars. The furnace and electric light plant were installed about 1918 under the pastorate of Rev. F. T. Atkinson, by Ross Williamson, William Brumm and Joseph T. Brewington, board of trustees, at a cost of seven hundred dollars.

PORTLAND CIRCUIT PARSONAGE

The United Brethren parsonage located at 918 West High Street, Portland, Indiana, was purchased in the year of 1905 under the pastorate of Rev. A. Dallas Williams, by the following board of trustees; namely, William I. Journay, William Brumm, Ray Buckingham, A. Dallas Williams and Noah Swartz, at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars.

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CENTER CHURCH

Center Church, Green Township, Jay County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. D. A. Boyd in the spring of 1891 at Center schoolhouse in said township and county as a class of Redkey Circuit, with the following charter members: Branson Cranor, Jane Cranor, Noah N. Walter, Nancy Walter, William Shultz, Samantha Shultz, David Bennett, Susan Bennett, Jonathan Ellett, Barbara Ellett, Fleming Silvers, Laura Silvers, James Turner, Mary Turner, Samuel Valentine, Elizabeth Valentine, Samuel Cunningham, Phoebe Jane Cunningham, Solomon Ankrom, Rebecca Ankrom, William McKinley, and Auntie Bennett.

The class worshipped in the Center schoolhouse until 1896 when they had purchased the lot on which the schoolhouse was located, and proceeded to erect a church house thereon. The church was erected under the pastorate of Rev. Thomas Coats by the following board of trustees; namely, Samuel Valentine, Noah N. Walter, William Shultz, William McKinley and Smith Spahr, at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars. The first class officers were Branson Cranor, leader and Noah Walter, steward.

COLLETT CHURCH

The Collett Church at Collett, Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana, was organized in 1858 by Rev. H. S. Thomas, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Circuit, with the following charter members: John Barr, Lavina Barr, James Darby, Sarah Darby, Mary Darby Beckdolt, Benjamin Garringer, Daniel Moon, Esther Moon, Jane Barr Wood, Daniel Miller, Elizabeth Miller, Cyrus Resur, Mary Resur, Robert Steed and Leah Steed, Sr.

The class worshipped at private homes and at the schoolhouse until the church was built. The Zion frame church building at Collett was erected on a half acre of land in the northwest corner of Section eight, Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana, in 1877, under the pastorate of Rev. D. F. Thomas by Silas H. Darby, Benjamin A. Sutton and Philip Beckdolt, trustees, at a cost of eighteen hundred and fifty dollars. The Collett Church was remodeled in the year of 1893 by the following board of trustees; namely, Silas H. Darby, Philip Curtis Beckdolt and Andrew Jackson Ashley, at a cost of six hundred dollars.

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DUNKIRK CHURCH

The United Brethren Church at Dunkirk, Indiana, was organized by Rev. A. S. Whetsel, in March, 1892, with the following charter members: Washington Johnson, Fannie Johnson, Lester C. Shaw, Mary Shaw, John Stanley, Sarah Stanley, John Van Dolson, Victoria Van Dolson, Martha Johns, Jennie Partlow, Alphonso Lafevre, and Estella Lafevre.

The first frame church was built on North Indiana Street, near Mount Auburn Avenue, in the year of 1893 under the pastorate of Rev. L. C. Reed, by the following board of trustees: Washington Johnson, Victoria Van Dolson, and L. C. Shaw, at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars. The Dunkirk church house was rebuilt at the corner of Main and North Streets in the year of 1920 under the pastorate of Rev. I. L. Curts, by the following board of trustees; namely, David Johnson, Lloyd Wilson and Jacob Smith, at a cost of four thousand dollars.

FAIRVIEW CHURCH

The Fairview Class was organized about 1853 at a private house near the site of the Fairview Church in Wayne Township, Jay County, Indiana, by Rev. L. S. Farber, pastor of Wabash Circuit, with the following charter members: James Castor, Rebecca Castor, Jonas Harter, Jane Harter, Andrew Harter, Susanna Harter, Joseph Gillett, Mary Gillett, William Valentine, Hila Valentine, James Rines, Polly Rines, Catherine Snyder, Robert Journay, Endy Journay, Stephen Journay, Rachel Journay and Elizabeth Stewart.

The Fairview Church, a frame structure, was erected in the year of 1870, under the pastorate of Rev. J. Hiestand, by James Castor, William Valentine and Stephen Journay, board of trustees, at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars. The Fairview Church was remodeled under the pastorate of Rev. W. H. Shepherd, in 1906, at a cost of five hundred dollars. The church was again remodeled in 1917 under the pastorate of Rev. C. K. Saylor, by Philo W. Journay, Benjamin Morehouse, Purley A. Snyder, board of trustees, at a cost of twelve hundred dollars.

GILEAD CHURCH

The Gilead Church was organized April 18, 1864, at Balbec, Penn Township, Jay County, Indiana, by Rev. Armsted B. Tharp, pastor, of Salamony Circuit, White River Conference, with the

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following charter members: Rebecca J. Walker, Isaac Walker, Cyrus C. Paxson, Abigail Paxson, Louisa Walker, Rebecca J. Walker, Jr., Isaac L. Walker, Abraham Smith, Rachael A. Smith, Martha E. Silliven, Rachel Silliven, Rebecca E. Silliven, David H. Silliven, Jesse Silliven, Harmon Silliven, Julia A. Silliven, William M. Silliven, Jeremiah Manley, Mary A. Manley, Delilah B. Manley, Calista White, Catherine Hunter, Franklin Gardner, Ellen J. Gardner, Joseph J. Paxson, Elizabeth Paxson, Jesse Paxson, James Paxson, Margaret Paxson, Ruth Anna Paxson, Philip I. Paxson, Anna Paxson, Ruth J. Paxson, Joseph Watson Paxson, Eveline Paxson, Benjamin F. Paxson, Sarah Ellen Paxson, Eli Paxson, David Paxson, George Paxson, Lydia Paxson, Mary C. Paxson, Ambrose Hopkins, Eliza Hopkins, Mary J. Hopkins, John R. Hopkins, Theodore Hopkins, Benjamin Hopkins, Rebecca G. Hopkins, William Horn, Rachel A. Horn, Mary E. Horn, Sarah Horn, Rhoda A. Gardner and Winfield Gardner.

The class proceeded to the erection of a church house which was built on a tract of land in the southwest quarter of Section number fourteen, Township number twenty-four North, Range number twelve East, in Penn Township, Jay County, Indiana, under the pastorate of Rev. A. B. Tharp in the autumn of 1864, by the following board of trustees; namely, Isaac Walker, Sr., Cyrus C. Paxson, Franklin Gardner, Joseph Watson Paxson and Jeremiah Manley at a cost of fourteen hundred dollars, and dedicated December 25, 1864, by Rev. Caleb W. Witt. The first class officers were Abraham Smith, leader, and C. C. Paxson, steward.

The church was remodeled in 1880 under the pastorate of A. C. Wilmore, by the following trustees; namely, C. C. Paxson, John Sutton, J. W. Paxson, D. P. Smith, and B. F. Parson, at a cost of six hundred dollars. The church was again remodeled in the year of 1898 under the pastorate of A. C. Wilmore by B. F. Paxson, James M. Sutton, Lewis H. Colbert, William O. Paxson and Walter W. Paxson, at a cost of five hundred dollars.

HOPEWELL CHURCH

The Hopewell Class, Green Township, Jay County, Indiana, was organized in the year of 1857 by Rev. H. S. Thomas, pastor of the Mount Pleasant Circuit, with the following charter members: George Detamore, Hannah Detamore, Aaron Crissler, Elizabeth Crissler, Lewis Crissler, Ellen Crissler, William Hildreth, Martha Hildreth, Cary Walker, Ellen Walker, Allen Brooks, Sarah A.

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Brooks, Jesse Slusser, Mary Slusser, Elias Phillips and Betty Phillips.

Page 440 of Book L, Deed Record of Jay County, Indiana, contains the record of a deed given by Jacob Hizer and Elizabeth Hizer, his wife, of a tract of land at the southwest corner of Section twenty-nine, Green Township, Jay County, containing one-half acre, to the Church of the United Brethren in Christ dated February 1, 1859, upon which the first frame church was erected in 1859 under the pastorate of Rev. H. S. Thomas, by Aaron Crissler, William Hildreth and Cary Walker, trustees, at a cost of one thousand dollars. The present site of the Hopewell Church is described in the Warranty Deed, as follows: "Jay County, State of Indiana; to-wit: Commencing eight rods east of the northwest corner of Section thirty-two, Township twenty-three north, range thirteen east, running east ten rods, thence south nine rods, thence west ten rods, thence north nine rods to the place of beginning, containing ninety rods. Deed executed by Levi A. Crissler (unmarried) to John L. Claycomb, E. C. LaFollette, Sam Hinsey, Henry Claycomb and Fred Miller and their successors in trust for the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. Acknowledged before Florence A. Brooks, Justice of the Peace, July 28, 1897."

The present frame church house was erected by the above named trustees upon this lot in the year of 1898, at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars.

JAY CITY CHURCH

The Jay City Church, Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. Frederick B. Hendrix in the house of Dr. Jonas Wiest in Jay City, in the year of 1856. The first organization, called Union Class, was composed of twelve members as follows; namely, George Burk, Matilda Burk, George Houser, Martha Houser, Elizabeth Dickes, Susan Houff, Jonas Wiest, Josephine Wiest, Peter Staphon, Leah Staphon, William Sweney, and Barbara Sweney. The first class officers were, George Burk, class leader; Jonas Wiest, class steward.

Meetings were held in the Burk schoolhouse one-half mile south of Jay City until the church was built. The church at Jay City was erected in 1871 and dedicated by Bishop J. J. Glossbrenner in February, 1872. The building was erected by George Burk, William Sweney, Jacob W. Bartmess and Peter Staphon, board of trustees, at a cost of seventeen hundred and fifty dollars. The church was

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repaired and remodeled in the year of 1910 under the pastorate of Rev. O. E. Evans, by William Adams, George Burk and William Beam, board of trustees, at a cost of eight hundred dollars.

PORTLAND CHURCH

The Portland Church was organized by Rev. C. J. Roberts, August, 1904, with the following charter members: Rev. Charles J. Roberts, Marion Jack, Elma Jack, Nelson R. Williamson, Gertie V. Williamson, Samuel W. Stephens, Maria Stephens, Frances Bone, Laura B. King, Frank F. Hodge, Gay Hodge, Kittora Borders, Bertha Borders and James Borders.

The frame church building owned by the Presbyterians at the corner of Race and Ship streets was purchased in 1905 under the pastorate of Rev. C. J. Roberts, by Nelson R. Williamson, Marion Jack, Clement A. White, Charles J. Roberts, and Samuel W. Stephens, board of trustees, at a cost of thirteen hundred dollars. This church house was used as the place of worship until 1917. In 1914, the conference appointed Rev. J. H. Nall to Portland charge. In 1916 under the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Nall, a lot was purchased on South Meridian Street near Third Street, in Portland, Indiana, upon which the board of trustees, consisting of Clement A. White, Nelson R. Williamson and Harry Colebaugh, erected a fine church edifice of brick with stone finish, which was completed in 1917, at a cost of forty thousand dollars.

REDKEY CHURCH

The class at Redkey, Indiana, was organized at the house of Martin V. Coons, in October, 1887, by Reverend Chamness, with the following charter members: Martin V. Coons, Hannah Coons, William H. Kauffman, Emma Coons Kauffman, Matthew Atkinson, Mary Atkinson, Jacob Griffith, Nancy Griffith, Harvey Sickafoose, Nancy Sickafoose, John Richardson, Lydia Richardson, Joseph M. Crissler, Phoebe Crissler, Allen W. Roberts, Sallie Ridgeway and Ida Ketterman.

The County Records of Jay County, Indiana, show that James Boyer and Maggie Boyer, his wife, deeded lot number fourteen in Boyce's addition, to Redkey, Indiana, at the corner of North Meridian and Vine streets of said town, to Martin V. Coons, Joseph M. Crissler, Matthew Atkinson, Murry A. Brown and Jacob Griffith, trustees, and their successors in office in trust of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ on the 8th day of December, 1890, upon

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which said trustees erected a frame church in 1890 under the pastorate of Rev. L. Rice, at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars. The new brick veneer church edifice was erected in 1909 under the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Nall by Matthew Atkinson, Otto B. Friddle, John M. Roberts, Frank T. Atkinson and William Wells, trustees, at a cost of sixteen thousand dollars.

The Redkey parsonage was erected under the pastorate of Rev. W. H. Shepherd in the year of 1895, at a cost of two thousand dollars.

WESTCHESTER CHURCH

The Westchester Church, situated at Westchester, Bearcreek Township, Jay County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. Allie Sipe in the year of 1901, with the following charter members: Sylvanus A. Beckdolt, Amanda Beckdolt, Eva Beckdolt Young, Dora Beckdolt Martzloff, Philip B. Stoltz, Sarah Stoltz, Warren E. Shepherd, Emma Shepherd, Noah Swartz, Mary Swartz, Dollie Swartz Hestin, Cora Swartz, Wilma Montgomery, Ruby Gibson Haley, and Zella McLaughlin. The first class officers were Warren E. Shepherd, leader, and S. A. Beckdolt, steward.

The Westchester Church was erected in 1902 under the pastorate of Rev. Eli J. Scott, by S. A. Beckdolt, Philip B. Stoltz, Noah Swartz, Warren E. Shepherd and William Axe, board of trustees, at a cost of seventeen hundred dollars.

THE ORIGINAL WABASH CIRCUIT

When the Maumee Conference, which was afterward called Auglaize Conference, met in its first session at Pleasant Hill Chapel, Mercer County, Ohio, September 9, 1853, the larger portion of its territory was in Ohio. However, about one-third of its area was in Indiana. Of the area in Indiana, White River Conference obtained all of the territory south of the Wabash River which in 1853 was divided into three fields of labor, as follows: Bluffton Circuit, Mount Pleasant Mission and Wabash Circuit, the last named embracing all this territory in Adams County and the northern and eastern portions of Jay County, Indiana.

This Wabash Circuit, with a gradual diminution of its territory, continued under that name until 1884 when the name was discontinued and the original Wabash Circuit was divided and given the names of the several charges which afterward occupied the Wabash area. Wabash Circuit in 1880 comprised ten appointments

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named as follows: Providence, Pisgah, Bellfountaine, Wabash, Center, Geneva, Fairview, Liberty and Jay City. At the conference of 1880 the boundary committee arranged this circuit into the following charges: Providence, Bellfountaine, and Fairview, to constitute Portland Circuit; the remaining charges to retain the name of Wabash Circuit.

ADAMS COUNTY

GENEVA CHURCH

The Geneva Class was organized in the old log church at Geneva, Adams County, Indiana, in the autumn of 1874, by Rev. H. Beber, pastor of Wabash Circuit, with the following charter members: George W. Pyle, Saluda Pyle, Adam Cully, Elizabeth Cully, Andrew J. Judy, Lucinda A. Judy, Jemima Bair, Daniel McCollom, Elizabeth Springer, Joseph Butcher, Rachel Butcher, John Butcher, Julia Butcher, Henry Boge, Frederick Smith, Ella Liggett, Jeremiah S. Manley, Mary N. Manley, M. E. Cross, A. C. Ford, Rachel Ford, and Ellen Ketchum.

The first building, consisting of a frame structure was erected on the corner of High and Bradford Streets in Geneva, Adams County, Indiana, in the year of 1881, under the pastorate of Rev. L. T. Johnson, by the following board of trustees; namely, George W. Pyle, Andrew J. Pyle, and John Butcher, at a cost of seventeen hundred dollars. The church was dedicated by Bishop Jonathan Weaver. The Geneva Church was rebuilt in 1902, of brick veneer, under the pastorate of Rev. Z. C. Mower, by the following board of trustees: George W. Pyle, Charles Pontius, Aaron Bricker, Thomas Drew, Joseph Butcher, Samuel H. Teeple and Adam Cully, at a cost of twenty-five hundred dollars.

The parsonage was erected on the adjoining lot south of the church, fronting on High Street, in 1888, under the pastorate of Rev. J. W. Lower, by George W. Pyle, Adam Cully, Albert Burris, Aaron Bricker and W. W. Triplett, at a cost of one thousand dollars. The parsonage was remodeled in 1919 under the pastorate of Rev. C. G. McCrocklin, by Thomas Drew, Charles Pontius, Aaron Bricker, Frank Haughton, Fred Lindsay, Frank C. Larue and George O. Staley, at a cost of eight hundred dollars.

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WELLS COUNTY

PETROLEUM CHURCH

The Petroleum Church was organized in Petroleum schoolhouse near the center of Nottingham Township, Wells County, Indiana, in the year of 1897, by Rev. H. D. Meads, pastor of Nottingham Circuit, with the following charter members: Sanford H. Templin, Judith M. Templin, Carey Templin, Eva Templin, Barbara Dulinskey, Ellen Schooley, F. Marion Campbell, America Campbell, Dennis A. Williams, Anna Yarger, Rev. Loren K. Waldo, Mary Caroline Waldo, Nancy Kirkwood, George Chenoweth, Letitia Chenoweth, Clarence Chenoweth, John Denney, Ella Denney, Charles A. Campbell, Hattie Campbell, George Beaver, and Rosa Beaver.

The frame church at Petroleum was erected in 1897 by H. D. Meads, pastor, and John Bears, Carey Templin, Loren K. Waldo, Dennis A. Williams and Jacob M. Wolf, trustees, at a cost of seventeen hundred dollars.

The Petroleum parsonage was erected at Petroleum in 1908 by Rev. Millard Beall, pastor, and Sanford H. Templin, August F. Baker, Orvil Burgess, William H. Settle and William McCollister, board of trustees, at a cost of two thousand dollars.

PHOENIX CHURCH

Phoenix Church, Nottingham Township, Wells County, Indiana, was organized in the year of 1864 by Rev. D. F. Thomas. The log church was built in 1867 under the pastorate of Rev. A. Douglass, by the following trustees: Henry McCollister, Winfield S. Settle and Henry Smith.

The class was organized with the following charter members: Winfield S. Settle, Elizabeth Settle, Henry McCollister, Elizabeth McCollister, James Smith, Mary Smith, Henry Smith, Margaret A. Smith, John Chenoweth, Minnie A. Chenoweth, Thomas Davis, Alice Davis, Henry Upp, Ruth Upp, Henry Davis, Elizabeth Davis, John Smith, Olive Smith, John Clawson, and Belle Clawson.

The Phoenix frame church house was erected about 1882 by Winfield S. Settle, Henry McCollister and Henry Smith, trustees, under the pastorate of Rev. J. W. Nicodemus, at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars. The church was remodeled about 1906 under the pastorate of Rev. O. E. Evans, by William H. Settle, James Barton, George Brookhart, Arthur Uptegraft and William McCollister,

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board of trustees, at a cost of twelve hundred dollars. The church was remodeled again in the year of 1920 under the pastorate of Rev. E. A. Struble, by the following trustees; namely, Christopher A. Prouty, William A. Settle, Clancy E. Walser, David M. Bryant and James E. Settle, at a cost of two thousand dollars.

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CHAPTER V

RICHMOND (WHITE WATER) DISTRICT

WAYNE COUNTY

RICHMOND CHURCH

THE Richmond Church of the United Brethren in Christ was organized September 11, 1903, by C. N. Broughman, with the following charter members: Charles N. Broughman, Martha Broughman, Ella Weaver, Carolyn Weaver, James A. Taylor, Annetta Taylor, Fannie Taylor, James E. Dailey, Nancy Dailey, Eva Bennett, William Johns, Emma Johns, Benjamin R. Ewry, Belle Ewry, David Brumley, Flora Brumley, Mary Weibel, Harvey Creb, Nellie Creb, Melvin Addington, and Erma Addington. Leader, James E. Dailey and steward, Ella Weaver. The following were the church trustees: Morton Hobson, Daniel W. Harris, Isaac Love, Richard Sedgwick and Joseph Mills.

This board of trustees purchased the United Presbyterian Church and parsonage at the corner of Eleventh and B streets for the sum of seven thousand dollars under the pastorate of Rev. Morton Hobson. The transfer for the property was made June 16, 1906. Great credit is due Brother Hobson who was pastor of our Richmond Church five years, from 1904 until 1909, for beginning this enterprise and carrying it forward to a successful completion. About twenty of the prominent business men of Richmond responded to his solicitations by contributing one hundred dollars apiece. In 1909 Rev. Hiram S. James was appointed pastor of Richmond Church which position he has held continuously for a period of sixteen years. An excellent lot and building adjoining our church lot were purchased in 1924 by Rev. H. S. James and his board of trustees to provide sufficient ground for the future building of the church. The entire real estate owned by our Richmond Church is valued at eighty thousand dollars.

ABINGTON CHURCH

The Abington United Brethren Church, Abington, Wayne County, Indiana, Record H, page 216, Wayne County, Indiana, "This indenture made this twenty-fifth day of May A. D. 1827, by which Christian Brower and Saloma Brower, his wife, of Wayne

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County, Indiana, and John Brower and Mary Brower, his wife, of the county of Wayne, and State of Indiana, deeded to the Abington Class of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and their trustees forever the following described real estate: Bounded on the west by William Gumm, on the north and east by John and Christian Brower and on the south by David Penwell, beginning at the southwest corner of the old boundary line in fractional Section number three in Township twelve, of Range two, west of a meridian line drawn from the mouth of the Great Miami River of the district of land sold at Cincinnati. Deed acknowledged on the 26th day of May, 1827, before Levi Jarrett, Justice of the Peace."

The Abington Class was organized by Rev. John C. McNamar in August, 1824, with the following charter members: Bennett Fryer, Martha Fryer, David Penwell, Thomas Manning, Joseph Manning, James Duke, Obadiah Holler, Jane Holler, Sarah Penwell, Martha Manning, Christian Brower and Saloma Brower.

The Abington meeting house was erected in 1828 by Bennett Fryer, David Penwell and Thomas Manning, trustees, at a cost of twelve hundred and fifty dollars.

BETHEL CHURCH

Bethel Church, situated in Section five, Perry Township, Wayne County, Indiana, was organized in September, 1841, by J. L. Stearns the pastor of Dublin Circuit, Indiana Conference, with the following charter members: Adam Oler, Elizabeth Oler, James Wright, Amelia Wright, Daniel Whitesell, Nancy Whitesell, Amos Strickler, Elizabeth Strickler, John Aaron Locke and Grant Mendenhall.

The first frame church was erected under the pastorate of Rev. T. P. Jones in the year of 1844 by the following board of trustees: Amos Strickler, John A. Locke and James Wright, at a cost of eight hundred dollars.

The second frame church was erected in the year of 1889 under the pastorate of Rev. Asbury Myer, by Grant Mendenhall, William Elvin Oler and Minus O. Strickler, board of trustees, at a cost of two thousand dollars.

DUBLIN CHURCH

Dublin United Brethren Church, Dublin, Wayne County, Indiana, Record Book 7, page 143, Wayne County, 1843, "This is to certify that Caswell Witt, Obed T. Kreider and Caleb W. Witt were duly appointed trustees for the Church of the United Brethren

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in Christ by a quarterly conference held in Dublin, Wayne County, Indiana, November 15, 1845, to act as such trustees for the building of a meeting house for the use of the said church in the town of Dublin aforesaid. This 15th day of November A. D. 1845. Daniel Stover, presiding elder, Richard Jobes, secretary."

Dublin Church was organized under the pastorate of Rev. Joseph A. Ball, pastor of White Water Circuit, in the fall of 1840 with the following charter members: James Madison Cook, Abigail Cook, Harrison Cook, Margaret Cook, William Witt, Jane Witt, Caleb Wyatt Witt, M.D., Elizabeth Mensch Witt, James Witt, Abigail Leonard Witt, Caswell Witt, Obed T. Kreider, George W. Lanich, Elizabeth Lanich, Wilson Scroggy, Emma Scroggy, Jonathan Huddleston and Susan Huddleston.

The frame meeting house, called Otterbein Chapel, was erected at the northwest corner of Harrison and Foundry streets in Dublin, Indiana, by John T. Vardaman, pastor, and Caswell Witt, Obed T. Kreider and Caleb W. Witt, trustees in 1846, at a cost of twelve hundred dollars.

The brick church house at the northwest corner of Dublin and Maple streets, was erected under the pastorate of Rev. Alexander Carroll, by Caleb W. Witt, Harrison Cook and Wilson Scroggy, trustees, in 1857 at a cost of three thousand dollars.

UNITED BRETHREN CEMETERY, DUBLIN, INDIANA

This cemetery situated east of the town of Dublin, Indiana, and adjoining the eastern limits of the town, has been the burial place of United Brethren during the past eighty years. This cemetery contains the tombs of Rev. Caleb W. Witt and wife, Rev. James Witt, Rev. Caswell Witt, Rev. Peter Simmons Cook, Rev. James Madison Cook, Rev. William Witt and a number of prominent laymen of the pioneer church.

SUGAR GROVE CHURCH

The following deed of Sugar Grove Church and cemetery is recorded in Deed Record number eleven, page 330, Wayne County, Indiana, "This indenture witnesseth this 8th day of January A. D. 1849, that John Brown by these presents does grant to Andrew Nicholson, Elias Lamb, Nathan Wilson, and Jesse W. Brooks, trustees, in trust for the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and their successors in office, all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever, either in law or equity

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upon all and singular, the following described lot situated in the county and state aforesaid and described as follows: to wit: Being of a part of the southeast quarter Section sixteen, Township seventeen north, Range thirteen east, beginning sixty-eight poles south of the northeast corner of the aforesaid quarter; thence west ten poles, thence south twelve poles, thence east ten poles, thence north to the place of beginning. Deeded 8th day of January A. D. 1849. Acknowledged before Richard Jobes, Justice of the Peace.

Sugar Grove Church, Clay Township, Wayne County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. J. T. Vardaman in June, 1845, with the following charter members: Andrew Nicholson, Sallie Nicholson, Elias Lamb, Susanna Lamb, Nathan Wilson, Minerva Wilson, Jesse Warren Brooks, Sally Brooks, Lorenza D. Fox, Sarah E. Fox, Daniel Bradbury, Matthew Brooks, Rhoda Brooks, Temple Edwards, Rebecca Edwards, Daniel Strickler, Mary Strickler, Lewis Strickler, Julia E. Bradbury, Henry Oler, Rebecca Oler, Edwin Ogburn, Jane Ogburn, Ithamer Lamb, Margaret Lamb, James T. Nicholson, Sarah Nicholson, Jonas Hatfield, Jr., Eliza Hatfield, John Bish and Ann Elizabeth Bish.

The first frame church house was erected in 1849 under the pastorate of John T. Vardaman by Andrew Nicholson, Elias Lamb, Nathan Wilson and Jesse Warren Brooks, trustees, at a cost of one thousand dollars. The second frame church was erected in 1861 by Rev. T. Evans, and by Andrew Nicholson, Jesse Warren Brooks, Elias Lamb, Milo Bailey and Milton R. Harris, board of trustees, at a cost of seventeen hundred dollars. The third church building erected by the Sugar Grove Church was completed in 1893 under the pastorate of Rev. J. F. Reynolds, by Daniel W. Harris, Milton Cain, Alvis Mendenhall, Isaac Love and Samuel A. Moore, board of trustees, at a cost of thirty-five hundred dollars.

The cemetery adjoining the church contains the tomb of Rev. John T. Vardaman, the founder of this church, and many other prominent United Brethren.

WASHINGTON, NOW GREENSFORK, CHURCH

Washington, now Greensfork Church, was organized in May, 1838, by Rev. Wiley Jones, pastor of the White Water Circuit, with the following charter members: Joseph Ogburn, Ann Ogburn, Matthew Brooks, Sr., Rhoda Brooks, Richard Jobes, Mary Jobes,

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Jonas Hatfield, Sr., Tabitha Hatfield, Evan Bailey, Eliza Bailey, Nathan Brasher, Priscilla Brasher, Rebecca Bailey, Rev. David Gunckel, Hannah Gunckel, and Polly Ann Stanley.

The first frame church erected at Washington (now Greensfork) was built in the year of 1841 under the pastorate of Rev. J. L. Stearns, by Joseph Ogburn, Matthew Brooks, Sr., and Richard Jobes, trustees, at a cost of twelve hundred dollars. The church building was erected on the southside of Pearl Street near the bridge, on the east bank of Greensfork Creek. The brick church was erected in 1871 by Rev. Thomas Evans, pastor, and Jonas Hatfield, Sr., Allen Harris and Evan Bailey, board of trustees, at a cost of three thousand dollars.

The parsonage was purchased in 1918 on the order of the quarterly conference of Greensfork charge by the following trustees; namely, George Foutz, Roscoe Mendenhall and Albert Gilmer, at a valuation of eighteen hundred dollars.

WILLIAMSBURG CHURCH

Williamsburg Class was organized by Rev. John T. Vardaman in April, 1845. The large frame church house was erected in 1848 under the pastorate of Amos Hanway, at a cost of one thousand dollars, by Benjamin Harris, Samuel Johnson, and Herbert C. Pearce, trustees. The following persons were charter members: Benjamin Harris, Lydia Harris, Samuel Johnson, Catharine Johnson, Herbert C. Pearce, and Margaret Pearce.

The Williamsburg meeting house was fifty-two feet long and forty feet wide and the frame work was composed of massive oak timber donated by John Beard, Sr. The principal sills were twelve inches square and full length and width of the building. Night services were not announced at a specified hour but the preachers gave out their services by announcing that meeting would begin at early candle lighting.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

MODOC CHURCH

Modoc Church was organized in October, 1859, by Rev. J. T. Vardaman, pastor of Williamsburg Circuit, with the following charter members: John T. Vardaman, Rebecca Vardaman, Edmond Joshua Mattox, Margaret D. Mattox, Fletcher Ross, Eunice Ross, Truman Walton, Mary Ann Walton, John Mills, Mary Mills, Brad-

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ley Perry, Amanda Vardaman Perry, Fletcher Grubbs, Minnie Grubbs, James Boling, Mary Ellen Boling, George L. Mattox, Milton Oxley, Margaret Oxley, Benjamin Gillum and Mary Gillum. The following were the first class officers; namely, Joshua Mattox, leader, Fletcher Ross, steward.

The first frame church was built on an acre of ground deeded to the church by John F. Grubbs and Jemima Grubbs, his wife, at a location just west of the present site of the Modoc Church, described as follows: "(Deed Record 39, page 524) John F. Grubbs and Jemima Grubbs, his wife, convey and warrant to Thomas F. Ross, John T. Vardaman, David L. Bailey, Truman Walton and Stephen D. Warrick, as trustees in trust, for the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and their successors in office, in Randolph County, State of Indiana, for the sum of thirty dollars, the following described real estate in the State of Indiana, to-wit: One acre in the northeast corner of the north half of the northeast quarter of Section number one, Township eighteen north, Range twelve east, sixteen rods west and east, ten rods south and north. Acknowledged June 8, 1872, recorded February 4, 1881." This church was built under the pastorate of Rev. Robert B. Beatty in the year of 1860 at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars, by the following trustees; namely, John T. Vardaman, Fletcher Ross and Truman Walton. The second church house was erected at the southwest corner of Lynn and Main streets in the north part of Modoc in the year of 1900 under the pastorate of Rev. C. J. Roberts, by William A. Ross, Edward Beeson and John Taylor, board of trustees.

The parsonage was erected under the pastorate of Rev. Charles R. Archer in the year of 1916, at a cost of three thousand dollars, by the following board of trustees: Samuel Hunt, Freeman E. Keith, Granville E. Jones, Charles Jones and Lloyd Shoemaker.

MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH

Mount Pleasant Church, Lynn charge was organized by Rev. Arthur True in 1863 with the following charter members: Loved Mitchell, Emmeline Mitchell, Warren Mitchell, Mary Ann Mitchell, Jesse Manning, and Sarah Manning.

The first church house was erected in 1864 under the pastorate of Rev. Milton R. Harris, by Jesse Manning, Eli Mettler and Warren Mitchell, board of trustees, at a cost of one thousand dollars. The second church was erected in the year of 1893, J. T. Reynolds, pastor, at a cost of twenty-eight hundred dollars by the following

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trustees: Joseph Alexander, George Alexander, Alonzo Howell, George Slick and Perry Slick. The church was remodeled in 1917 at a cost of twelve hundred dollars, making a total valuation of four thousand dollars. The board of trustees consisted of Curtis Alexander, Henry M. Brown and Singleton Yates.

SARATOGA CHURCH

Saratoga Church at Saratoga, Ward Township, Randolph County, Indiana, was organized at the Saratoga schoolhouse in the spring of 1871 by Rev. A. Douglas, pastor of Union City Mission, with the following charter members: Sarah Lollar, Elisha D. Lollar, Mary A. Lollar, Joseph W. Lollar, Sarepta Lollar, John C. Albright, Mary Albright, William Fraze, Nancy Fraze, Joseph Shierling and Susanna Shierling.

The first church house, a frame building thirty-six by fifty feet, was erected on the lot out of the southeast quarter of Section twenty-six, Township twenty-one north, Range fourteen east, in Ward Township, Randolph County, Indiana, the site of the present church edifice. This frame church, erected under the pastorate of Rev. S. T. Mahan, by Joseph Shierling, Elisha D. Lollar and John C. Albright, trustees, cost about twenty-five hundred dollars. It was dedicated in July, 1873, by Rev. M. Wright.

This church house was rebuilt and enlarged with an additional room, vestibule and tower, veneered with brick and roofed with slate, in 1893, under the pastorate of Rev. J. Q. Kline, by Elisha D. Lollar, Joseph W. Lollar and William W. Fraze, trustees, at a cost of four thousand dollars. The Saratoga Church was greatly enlarged by an extension with additional rooms and basement and furnished with modern equipments in the year of 1908, under the pastorate of A. C. Wilmore by Joseph W. Lollar, Willis A. Adamson, Curtis M. Shierling, Cyrus Bousman and William W. Fraze, board of trustees, at a cost of three thousand dollars.

The first parsonage, a frame building composed of six rooms, was erected in 1880 under the pastorate of Rev. Jacob Cost, by trustees, Elisha D. Lollar, Joseph W. Lollar, Levi Coats, Henry Wickersham and William Whiteneck, at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars. The substantial brick parsonage was erected in the year of 1914 under the pastorate of Rev. George H. Barker, by Joseph W. Lollar, Curtis M. Shierling, Cyrus Bousman, Daniel Bragg and John E. Orr, board of trustees, at a cost of six thousand dollars.

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WHITE RIVER CHAPEL CHURCH

White River Class was organized in the spring of 1857 at schoolhouse number one, White River Township (two miles south of Saratoga) Randolph County, Indiana, by Rev. Frederick B. Hendrix, pastor of Wabash Circuit, Auglaize Conference, with the following charter members: John Fraze, Nancy Fraze, Alexander Almonrode, Delilah Almonrode, Joseph Monks, Lucinda Monks, Joseph Alexander, Elizabeth Alexander, Elias Hendrickson, Joseph Lollar, Sr., Sarah Lollar, Elisha D. Lollar, Mary A. Lollar, Joseph W. Lollar and Sarepta Lollar.

White River Chapel was erected in the year of 1867 at the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of Section twelve, Township twenty north, Range fourteen east, White River Township, Randolph County, Indiana, under the pastorate of Rev. W. A. Kindel, by trustees, Alexander Almonrode, Joseph Monks and John Fraze, at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars. The church was remodeled in 1904 by trustees John Hendrickson, N. J. Baird, H. C. Fraze, Irvin Clevenger and William Baird, at a cost of six hundred dollars.

FAYETTE COUNTY

SANES CREEK CHURCH

The Sanes Creek Class in Fayette County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. Wiley Jones in the spring of 1839 with the following charter members: John Bean, Margaret Bean, Leall Jonas, Jane Jonas, James Goble, Mary Goble, Alexander Matney and Matilda Matney.

The Sanes Creek meeting house, situated on the east bank of Sanes Creek in Orange Township, Fayette County, Indiana, was erected during the pastorate of Rev. S. M. Shumway in the year of 1855, at a cost of twelve hundred and fifty dollars.

GARRISON CREEK CHURCH

The Garrison Creek Class in Fayette County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. L. S. Chittenden, pastor of White Water Circuit, in October of 1841, with the following charter members: Job Kershner, Ellen Kershner, Adaline Perkins, William Payne, Sarah Payne, James Cotton, Amy Cotton, Frank Cotton, Sallie Cotton, Frank Boyer, Nancy Boyer, Mary Bryant, Sr., John Meeks, Matilda Meeks, Samuel Stevens, Mary Stevens, Donty Gillum, Sarah Gillum, Samuel Northern, Mina Northern, Jonathan Wilson and Margaret Wilson.

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The frame church house at Garrison Creek, Orange Township, Fayette County, Indiana, was erected under the pastorate of Rev. Milton Wright in the year of 1857, by trustees, Job Kershner, John Meeks and Jonathan Wilson, at a cost of fourteen hundred dollars. This church was remodeled in 1907 by A. J. Brock, pastor, and Vernie Payne, Alanson Hamilton and Thomas Meeks, trustees, at a cost of six hundred dollars.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

ANDERSONVILLE CHURCH

The Andersonville Class was organized at Andersonville, Franklin County, Indiana, by Rev. Dillon Bridges, of White Water Circuit in the autumn of 1834. He held a revival meeting at that time when he organized the Andersonville Class with the following charter members: John Morgan, Huldah Morgan, Silas Andrews, Elizabeth Andrews, Henry Cook, Mary Cook, John M. Cook, Mary Ann Cook, Peter Simmons Cook, Eliza Jane Cook, John Allen, Martha Allen, Archibald Miller, Ann Miller, John Lewis, Susan Lewis, Nancy Jackman, Eliza Loff, Charles S. Miller, Ann Miller, Virginia McMath, and Nancy Walker.

The frame church house was erected under the pastorate of Rev. J. S. Wall, pastor of Andersonville Circuit in the year of 1847, by John Morgan, John M. Cook, Henry Cook, Archibald Miller and John Lewis, board of trustees, at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars. This church was remodeled under the pastorate of Rev. J. A. Bushong in 1894, at a cost of five hundred dollars.

The Andersonville parsonage was erected under the pastorate of Rev. A. Carroll, by Charles S. Miller, Henry Cook and Joseph Cloud, trustees, in the year of 1875 at a cost of one thousand dollars.

FRANKLIN CHURCH

The Franklin Church in Fairfield Township, Franklin County, Indiana, was organized on Whitsunday in June, 1824, at the residence of Henry Fry, Sr., one-half mile west of the old Franklin Church, by Rev. John C. McNamar, pastor of White Water Circuit, with the following charter members: Rev. Joseph A. Ball, Narcissa Ball, John G. Koerner, Catharine Koerner, Henry Fry, Sr., Mary C. Fry, Lewis Fry, Rebecca Fry, Simon Fry, Elizabeth Fry, Philip Fry, Catharine Fry, Samuel B. Fry, Sarah Fry, Samuel Howell,

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Solomon Everhart, Jane Everhart, William Smith, Susanna Smith, Solomon Dubois, Rhoda Dubois, Henry Welty, Catharine Welty, Susanna Welty Murphy, Christena Masters, David Templeton, Jane Templeton, and Mary Templeton Carter.

The first board of trustees of the Franklin Church consisted of Henry Fry, Samuel Howell, and Simon Fry, who were elected in 1831. Philip Fry and Catharine Fry, his wife, granted a deed for the lot on which the church is situated, including the adjoining land which is used for a cemetery, to the aforesaid trustees of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and their successors in office, certified to by Joseph A. Ball, clerk of the quarterly conference, and acknowledged before Joseph Reed, Justice of the Peace. Recorded June 4, 1832, in Recorder's office, Franklin county, Indiana, by John E. Ennelsing, Recorder Franklin County.

The brick meeting house which was erected on the aforesaid lot in 1831 is still used by the Franklin Church organization and is in a good condition. It is the oldest United Brethren Church house in the State of Indiana.

The Centenary of this church was celebrated on Whitsunday which was June 8, 1924. Addresses were delivered by A. C. Wilmore, M. F. Dawson, Wm. E. Shell and others to a large audience.

UNION COUNTY

GREENWOOD CHURCH

The Greenwood Church, Union County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. B. F. Morgan, pastor of Franklin Circuit, in the year of 1866, with the following charter members: George Shaffer, Lydia Shaffer, Daniel Gard, Henry Pritchard, Rhoda Pritchard, Thomas Jefferson Johns, Susanna D. Johns, John Henry Line, Charles Waddell, Josiah Campbell Miller, James Luntsford, Samuel Berry, Jeremiah Pritchard, Sarah Pritchard, Arctus Burt, Juliana Burt, Mary Berry, Alvira Flitchcraft, Sarah Eaton Lafuse, Ann Eaton Clark, Lucy Young, Delila Gard, Rosanna Line, Sarah M. Hayden, Solomon Johns, Elizabeth Johns, James M. Eaton, Alice Waddell Eaton, Thomas Maxwell, Nannie Larrimore, Lorinda Lafuse Miller, G. W. Scott Eaton, Daniel Johns, Elwood Smith Young, Fannie Sullivan, and Lucy Lafuse Eaton.

The first church house, a frame structure, was built in the southwest corner of Section two, Center Township, Union County, Indiana, under the pastorate of Rev. B. F. Morgan, by George

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Shaffer, Daniel Gard and Henry Pritchard, trustees, in 1867, at a cost of twelve hundred and fifty dollars. The present church edifice at the northeast corner of Section ten, Center Township, Union County, was erected under the pastorate of Rev. H. W. Robbins, by trustees, William Maxwell, James M. Eaton and Miles Lafuse, in the year of 1909, at a cost of five thousand dollars.

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CHAPTER VI

RUSHVILLE (FLAT ROCK) DISTRICT

RUSH COUNTY

RUSHVILLE CHURCH

THE Rushville Church was organized by Rev. Emma Wright Miller in April, 1919, with the following charter members: Oliver Campbell, Sophia Campbell, Ruby Gale Campbell, Ethel Crowdy, Morris Crowdy, Blanche Crowdy, James Crowdy, Leona Cross, Beatrice Cross, Maysel Cupp, Maud Drennen, William Eddy, Amanda Eddy, Raymond Edwards, Callie Edwards, Russell Edwards, Lewis Edwards, Leslie Eugene Edwards, Helen Edwards, Sadie Farthing, Hilda Farthing, Mary A. Hardwick, Esther Hardwick, Emma Wright Miller, Ira Poston, Sarah Poston, Albert Lowe and Roxie Lowe.

The first frame church house at the corner of Arthur and Sixth streets in Rushville, Rush County, Indiana, was erected by Emma Miller, pastor, and Charles Murphy, Abraham L. Ellingwood, Raymond Edwards, Luther Wyrick and Otto Hockensmith, in the year of 1922, at a cost of five thousand dollars. The church was dedicated by Dr. J. B. Parsons, February 26, 1923.

SAINT JOHN CHURCH

The Saint John Class of Orange Township, Rush County Indiana, was organized by Rev. Alonzo Myer, pastor of Blue River Circuit, in the year of 1892, with the following charter members: Elizabeth Isley, Emmanuel Isley, John Noah, Julia Noah, Edward Noah, Elizabeth Noah, Louisa Lantz, Jacob Slifer, Wood Crisler, Eva Crisler, Mary Farmington, Malinda Sparks, Sarah Weidner, and Mary Weidner.

The Saint John Church house on the Rush-Shelby County line in Orange Township, Rush County, Indiana, was purchased of the Lutheran Church in 1893 by Solomon Apple, John Kelley and Daniel W. Apple, board of trustees.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY

COLUMBUS, WERTZ MEMORIAL CHURCH

Wertz Memorial Church was organized in July, 1892, by Rev. J. F. Reynolds at the house of Daniel Lambert, with the following

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charter members: Samuel Wertz, Martha Patterson Wertz, Daniel W. Lambert, Rachel Lambert, A. Charles Shields, Elizabeth Shields, Elza L. Markland, America Phillipy Markland, Frank Dillman, Ella Dillman, Mary Everroad and Anna McClure.

The first frame church was erected in 1893 under the pastorate of Rev. C. A. Brigham at the northeast corner of Nineteenth and Elm streets, by Samuel Werts, Lewis Mobley, Daniel W. Lambert, Elza L. Markland and Asbury Brown, board of trustees, at a cost of twenty-five hundred dollars. The new brick Wertz Memorial Church was erected in 1922 under the pastorate of Rev. A. Bash Arford, at the northeast corner of Home Avenue and Seventeenth Street by Samuel Wertz, Simeon Boaz, Harvey Moore, Homer Singer and A. B. Cunningham, trustees, at a cost of fifty thousand dollars.

The parsonage was purchased under the pastorate of Rev. N. P. France in the year 1903 by the following trustees; namely, Elza L. Markland, Frank C. Brown, Simeon Boaz and George Fulp at a cost of one thousand dollars.

MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH

Mount Pleasant Class, of Bartholomew County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. Elias Robertson, in the fall of 1841, with the following charter members: John Rhorer, Elizabeth Rhorer, William Brinkley, Jennie Brinkley, John B. Anderson, Solomon Case, Jacob Trisler, Sarah Blair, and Emeline Myers.

The Mount Pleasant meeting house, about three miles south of Hartsville, Bartholomew County, Indiana, was erected in 1843, by John Rhorer, Solomon Case and John B. Anderson, board of trustees, at a cost of twelve hundred dollars.

This church has a great history. The General Conference of 1845 having authorized Indiana Conference to divide its territory into two annual conferences, the subsequent session of Indiana Conference met at Mount Pleasant meeting house, February 20, 1846, and proceeded to take action in regard to the formation of a new conference.

The Indiana Conference adopted the following resolution:

"*Resolved,* That the Indiana Annual Conference be divided into two divisions, Northern and Southern; that the Southern Division retain the name of Indiana Annual Conference, and that the Northern Division be known by the name of White River Annual Conference."

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The presiding bishop, William Hanby, directed the secretary, John Slonecker, to call the roll and at the roll call each preacher indicated his choice of conference. Thirty-five ministers chose White River Conference and thus became its charter members. This was the birth of White River Conference. The following day White River Conference held its original session in the Mount Pleasant meeting house and therefore dates its existence from the twenty-first day of February, 1846.

The picture of the Mount Pleasant meeting house will be found in this history of White River Conference, and the place and date will ever be associated with our conference history.

OLIVE BRANCH CHURCH

The Olive Branch Class in Bartholomew County, Indiana, was organized in the fall of 1843, by Rev. Aaron Davis, pastor of Flat Rock Circuit, Indiana Conference, with the following charter members: A. H. K. Beam, Sarah Beam, James Barger, Catharine Barger, Henry W. Lambert, Emeline Lambert, James Talley, Mary Talley, Henry Coblentz, Leah Coblentz, Samuel Coblentz, Peter Wright, Susan Wright, Archibald Tebo and J. K. Lawrence.

The Olive Branch brick church house was erected in 1853 by W. A. Cardwell, pastor, and Peter Wright, Archibald Tebo, Henry Coblentz, Samuel Coblentz, and David Ault, board of trustees, at a cost of twenty-two hundred dollars.

DECATUR COUNTY

UNION CHURCH

Union Church, Adams Township, Decatur County, Indiana, was first organized as the Anspaugh Class at the Anspaugh schoolhouse by Rev. Aaron Farmer, in the spring of 1833, with the following charter members: Jacob Anspaugh, Sr., Ellen Anspaugh, Jacob Anspaugh, Jr., Salome Leffler Anspaugh, Sarah Leffler Gebhart, Samuel Leffler, Nancy Leffler, Samuel McKee, Catharine McKee, George Reed, Mary Reed, Edward Kurr, Eva Kurr, Richard Corwin, Catharine Corwin, Frederick Shuppert, Elizabeth Sumpter Shuppert, John Kanouse and Christena Kanouse.

The Anspaugh Class (now Union Church) worshipped in the Anspaugh schoolhouse until the year of 1851 when Union Chapel, the first frame meeting house, was erected at the Union Cemetery near the center of Section fifteen, Adams Township, Decatur County,

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Indiana, under the pastorate of Rev. W. S. Stuart, by Jacob Anspaugh, Samuel McKee and George Reed, board of trustees, at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars. The second frame church edifice was erected under the pastorate of Rev. Emmett P. Day in the year of 1907, by Charles O. McKee, James Allen Leffler and George Favor, board of trustees, at a cost of thirty-two hundred dollars. The dedication of the church occurred January 19, 1908, conducted by Rev. Henry H. Fout, D.D.

This is a historic spot in the history of the United Brethren Church. The eighth session of the Indiana Annual Conference convened in the Anspaugh schoolhouse, Decatur County, Indiana, September 5, 1837. Rev. Aaron Farmer, the secretary, in calling the roll was asked the question by the Bishop "Has any preacher died during the year?" The answer was "Yes, Benjamin McCarty." The secretary then wrote in the minutes, "The old veteran of the Cross has gone from the Church militant, to the Church triumphant, where he enjoys the fruits of his labors. Glory! Glory!! Glory!!! Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Amen! Amen!!"

These touching words of the beloved itinerant Aaron Farmer are worthy to be put upon a bronze tablet and placed in the splendid new church of Union Chapel.

Since the above was prepared the Union congregation has erected a splendid new church edifice composed of buff brick trimmed with stone, at a cost of seventeen thousand dollars. This new church building was erected under the pastorate of Rev. Martin I. Webber, pastor of St. Paul Circuit, and Charles Thornburg, Charles Favors, and George Reed, board of trustees. This beautiful temple was dedicated by Bishop H. H. Fout, August 17, 1924, and stands upon the same site as the two former churches as well as the place where Aaron Farmer uttered the immortal words recorded in the Indiana Conference history.

SAINT OMER CHURCH

Saint Omer Church at Saint Omer in Adams Township, Decatur County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. James S. Carmack in March, 1890, with the following charter members: George Stotsenberg, Elizabeth Stotsenberg, Pearl Stotsenberg Morrow, Grace Stotsenberg Scriptur, Daisy Stotsenberg Tevis, John Chambers, Jane Chambers, Charles Lee, Josie Lee, William Holland, Mollie

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Holland, Letitia Holland Slifer, Louis Laird, Aletha Laird, Lavona Short, Robert Thompson, Caroline Thompson, Jennie Thompson, Miles E. Watson, and Edna Watson.

The old Methodist frame church house at Saint Omer was purchased in 1890 under the pastorate of Rev. T. H. Harmon, by trustees George Stotsenberg, John Chambers and Miles E. Watson, and repaired at a cost of five hundred dollars. The present church house at Saint Omer, erected under the pastorate of Rev. A. C. Wilmore, in 1906, by Solomon Apple, John Leech, Henry Price, Daniel W. Apple, and Manford Slifer, board of trustees, cost two thousand dollars.

HENRY COUNTY

CENTER CHURCH

The Center Class was organized at Center schoolhouse, Harrison Township, Henry County, Indiana, November, 1859, by Rev. W. A. Davenport, with the following charter members: Jehu Callahan, Amanda Callahan, John Callahan, Barbara Callahan, Ellen C. Prigg, Mary Prigg Van Winkle, William A. Davenport, Cassandra Prigg Davenport, Mary Baughn, John Baughn, Pantha Jane Baughn, James Lawell, Elizabeth Lawell, Albert Lewis, and Phoebe Prigg Lovett.

The Center Class worshipped in the Center schoolhouse about nine years. In the year of 1868 under the pastorate of Rev. Arthur Rector, the first frame church house was built at a cost of twelve hundred dollars, with the following trustees: William A. Davenport, John Baughn and Jehu Callahan. In the year of 1910 the new church house at the corner of the Middletown road and the New Castle-Pendleton state road, was erected at a cost of three thousand dollars, by Rev. Millard Beall and by trustees James Reynolds, Milton Addison, Robert Callahan, Richard Reynolds, Albert Lewis, Jonas Riley and William Hodson.

HONEY CREEK CHURCH

The Honey Creek Church, Henry County, Indiana, was first organized at a meeting house two miles northwest of Honey Creek by Rev. W. W. Richardson, in the month of May, 1844, where services were held for about ten years when the place of meeting was changed to White Union, south of town, at which place services were held for about eight years.

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In 1862 the class bought a hewed log meeting house of the Methodist Church, which was moved to a lot in the south part of town and used as a place of worship for seven years. The charter members were: Henry Fadely, Elizabeth Fadely, Malinda Warnock, Jesse Rader, Sarah Rader, Samuel D. Painter, Anna Painter, Michael Groenendyke, Anna Groenendyke, Jacob Rinker, Cynthia A. Rinker, William Gossett, Asa Gossett, Susan Gossett, Elmore Windsor, and Elizabeth Windsor.

In February, 1869, Rev. Milo L. Bailey held a revival in the log church which was the impelling factor in the movement leading to the erection of the frame church upon the present site in Honey Creek, in the year of 1869, at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars, by the following board of trustees: Henry Fadely, Asa Gossett and Samuel D. Painter.

In 1904 a frame parsonage was erected under the pastorate of Rev. B. R. Inman, at a cost of eleven hundred dollars.

The cement block church edifice was erected in 1905 at a cost of forty-five hundred dollars, by Pastor Inman, and trustees John Whitworth, John S. Edwards, Levi P. Kerlin, Monroe Miller and Emanuel Sanders.

NEW CASTLE CHURCH

The United Brethren Church at New Castle, Indiana, was organized in the autumn of 1861, by Rev. Peter S. Cook, pastor of Dublin Circuit, with the following charter members: Jacob Byer, Martha Byer, Calvin Compton, Mary Compton, William W. Conn, Elizabeth Conn, Cornelius N. Moore, Elizabeth Moore, John N. Rickert, Mary Rickert, Peter Rider, Jacob Swigert, Anna Swigert, and Christian Over.

The first church house, a brick building, was erected under the pastorate of Rev. P. S. Cook, by Jacob Byer, William W. Conn, Jacob Swigert, John N. Rickert and Christian Over, board of trustees, in the year of 1864. The following is a copy of the deed (Deed Record eight; page 243): "This indenture witnesseth, that we, John Red, Isaac Mendenhall and Lewis H. Hicks, school trustees of the corporation of the town of New Castle, of Henry County, in the state of Indiana, convey and warrant to Jacob Byer, William W. Conn, Jacob Swigert, John N. Rickert and Christian Over, and to their successors in office, in trust for the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in Henry County in the State of Indiana, the following real estate in Henry County in the State of Indiana, to wit:

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Lot number four (4) in block number eight (8) in the town of New Castle, in witness whereof the said John Red, Isaac Mendenhall and Lewis H. Hicks, trustees as aforesaid, have hereunto set their hands and seals this 29th day of December A. D. 1863, John Red, Isaac Mendenhall and L. H. Hicks.

"The State of Indiana, Henry County, SS: Before me, Butler Hubbard, County Recorder, in and for said county, this 29th day of December, 1863, personally came John Red, Isaac Mendenhall and Lewis H. Hicks, and acknowledged the execution of the annexed deed. Witness my hand and official seal, Butler Hubbard, R. H. C. I certify that the deed of which the above is a true copy was duly stamped as provided by Act of Congress and Recorded June 18, 1864, at two o'clock p. m. Butler Hubbard, Recorder of Henry County."

In 1912 the present brick church edifice and parsonage were erected upon the old site, corner of Fourteenth and Vine streets, by Rev. A. Bash Arford, pastor, and Orville Fadely, Robert H. McIntyre, George L. Johnson, Albert Bash Arford, Clayton McWhorter, Charles F. Payne, Melvin Hinds, William W. Fadely, and Ed. S. Jackson, board of trustees, at a cost of thirty-five thousand dollars.

The parsonage is connected with the church building and its cost is included in the church valuation.

NEW LISBON CHURCH

The New Lisbon Church was organized by Rev. Peter Simmons Cook, pastor of Dublin Circuit, in the spring of 1863 with the following charter members: Barbara Groenendyke, Monroe Groenendyke, Elizabeth Groenendyke, David Groenendyke, Phoebe Groenendyke, John Raffensberger, Sarah Raffensberger, John Raper, Eliza Raper, John Stiggleman and Clemmie Stiggleman.

The frame church house erected by the United Brethren in Christ at New Lisbon, Henry County, under the pastorate of Rev. James S. Wall, by Monroe Groenendyke, John Stiggleman and John Raper, board of trustees, in the year of 1865, cost eighteen hundred dollars. The church was remodeled under the pastorate of Rev. N. S. Tranbarger, by John Raper, Oliver P. Hatfield, George W. Filson, William Wilson and Isaac N. Wright, board of trustees, in 1907, at a cost of twelve hundred dollars.

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SALEM CHURCH

Salem Church, Henry County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. Daniel Stover in June, 1842, with the following charter members: John N. Russell, Polly Russell, Mahlon W. Pickering, Sarah A. Pickering, Charles P. Paxton, Mary Paxton, Thornton W. Smith, Mary Smith, Wilkinson Smith, Rachel Smith, Jacob M. Ward, Martha Ward, Charles William McGeath, Elizabeth McGeath, Eli Hawley, Mary Jacoby Hawley, Charles P. Hawley, Maria Hawley, Micajah Modlin, Temperance Modlin, Robinson Haskett, and Abigail Haskett.

Salem Church lot in the northwest corner of Section twenty, Dudley Township, Henry County, Indiana, one mile north of the National Road, was bought by Charles P. Paxton, John N. Russell and Mahlon W. Pickering, for ten dollars, June 6, 1844. They proceeded to erect a log church which was used about twelve years. The frame church erected on the site of said Salem Church was built in 1858 under the pastorate of Rev. A. Carroll by the following trustees: Eli Hawley, Mahlon W. Pickering and Wilkinson Smith, at a cost of twelve hundred and fifty dollars. The church was remodeled in the year of 1905 at a cost of eight hundred dollars by Rev. F. H. Linville, pastor, and Luther Hall, George W. Nelson and John Higgens, board of trustees.

ZION CHURCH

Zion Church, near Blountsville, Henry County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. N. S. Tranbarger in October, 1892, with the following charter members: Jacob R. Becktell, Martha J. Becktell, Leroy Lacey, Sarah C. Lacey, Calvin Cross, Sr., Ellen Cross, James Calvin Cross, Maggie Cross, Harvey Cross, Rose Cross, John H. Stonebraker, Catharine Stonebraker, William Becktell, Ellen Becktell, William Stanley, Lyda Stanley, William Kilmer, Ellen Kilmer, Joseph Cross and Nancy Cross.

The church was erected in 1894 under the pastorate of Rev. M. O. Jarvis, with the following trustees; namely, Calvin Cross, Sr., Jacob R. Becktell, Leroy Lacey, Harvey Cross and Nelson Cross, at a cost of twelve hundred and fifty dollars.

SHELBY COUNTY

BLUE RIVER (KINGDOM) CHURCH

The Blue River Church in Shelby County, Indiana, was organized as the Union Class, (commonly called Kingdom Class) in the fall

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of 1831, by Rev. Aaron Farmer, pastor of Flat Rock Circuit, Indiana Conference, with the following charter members: John Carmony, Sr., Sarah A. Carmony, William Montgomery, Mary Montgomery, Beaton Rhoades, Sarah Rhoades, Matthias M. Hook, Melvina Hook, Michael Billman, Magdalena Billman, David Bowers, Nancy Myer Bowers, William Bollibaugh, Rachel Bollibaugh, Anderson Talbert, Mary Talbert, Peter Myer, Maria Myer, Angeline Copple Phares, George Carmony, Elizabeth Carmony, Anderson Carmony, Maria Carmony, Isaac Carmony, Sarah Carmony, James Carmony, Eliza Carmony, Samuel Engle, Lodema Engle, Joseph Carmony, Sr., Christena Carmony, Eli Myer, and Louisa Talbert Myer.

The Union meeting house afterward called Kingdom Church, was erected in 1832 by Rev. Aaron Farmer, preacher in charge, and by John Carmony, Sr., William Montgomery and James Carmony, trustees, on the west line of Section thirty, Township fourteen north, Range eight east, on the Range line road three miles south of Morristown, Indiana. After having been used twenty-two years during which time the Indiana and White River Conferences each held an annual session within its walls, it was torn down in 1854.

The Blue River Chapel was built in the year of 1854. The members of the Kingdom Church desiring a more modern place of worship was the inspiration for building the present church. The location of Blue River Chapel is about one and one-half miles southwest of the old Kingdom Church, being situated at the northwest corner of Section one in Union Township, Shelby County, Indiana. This church was erected under the pastorate of Rev. Thomas Evans by Mathias M. Hook, William Montgomery and Samuel Copple, trustees, for seventeen hundred dollars.

GWYNNEVILLE CHURCH

Gwynneville Church, first called Otterbein Church, situated at Gwynneville, Indiana, was organized at Ball schoolhouse one and one-half miles north of Gwynneville in March, 1875, by Rev. Felix M. DeMunbrun, pastor, of Blue River Circuit, with the following charter members: William Stewart Robbins, Sidona Carmony Robbins, Monroe Robbins, Mary Ball Robbins, Eva Robbins Six, Henry Robbins, Hardy Wray Robbins, Mary Keaton, George S. Ball, Melissa Ball Vanscyoc, William Ball, Lydia Ball, Alexander Rutherford, Miranda Rutherford, John Ball and Margaret Ball.

The Otterbein Church house one and one-half miles north of Gwynneville, was erected under the pastorate of Rev. W. C. Day,

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by William S. Robbins, George S. Ball and William W. Wilcoxen, board of trustees, in the year of 1880, at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars. The Otterbein Church house was moved to the lot at the southeast corner of Main and West streets, Gwynneville, Shelby County, Indiana, under the pastorate of Rev. F. M. DeMunbrun, in the summer of 1895.

In 1907 under the pastorate of Rev. G. E. Swartz, the church was rebuilt and enlarged at a cost of four thousand dollars.

Gwynneville parsonage situated at the northeast corner of Evans and West streets in Gwynneville, Shelby County, Indiana, was erected under the pastorate of G. Raymond Powell, by trustees, Sylvester Towns, Daniel Edward Osborn and Ernest Bassett, in the year of 1916 at a cost of twenty-five hundred dollars.

LIBERTY CHURCH

The Liberty Class, Gwynneville Circuit, Shelby County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. Z. McNew in the spring of 1883, with the following charter members: Lyda Jones, Frank Arnold, Cynthia Arnold, Clarissa Howrey, Vadia Howrey, Milton Fox, Maggie Fox, William Phares, Caroline Phares, Samuel Phares, Catharine Phares, George Phares, Albert Howrey and Minnie Howrey.

The Liberty Church house is situated in Marion Township, Shelby County, Indiana, and has a valuation of fifteen hundred dollars. The first class officers were John Jackson, leader, member of Windfall Class, and Lyda Jones, steward.

The Liberty Church was remodeled in 1910 by Frank Arnold, Albert Howrey, and Jesse Jones, board of trustees, at a cost of six hundred dollars.

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CHAPTER VII

INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT

MARION COUNTY

INDIANAPOLIS, FIRST CHURCH

The First United Brethren Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, was organized by Rev. Joseph A. Ball in the autumn of 1844, with the following charter members: William Evans, Margaret Evans, Jacob Rubush, Elizabeth Rubush, Daniel Stover, Nancy Stover, Thomas Evans, Mary A. Evans, James Duke, Amos Hanway, Mary Hanway and Samuel Hanway.

Deed Record Number 4, Marion County, Indiana, on page 290, has record of conveyance of lot on corner of New Jersey and Ohio Streets, May 2, 1852, to Jacob Rubush, William Evans, James Duke, Thomas Evans and Amos Hanway, trustees. A brick church was erected on this lot in 1854 under the pastorate of Rev. J. T. Vardaman, at a cost of five thousand dollars. The church prospered for twenty years when a division occurred in regard to the enforcement of the rule on secret societies. The church was sold and the membership dwindled to twenty-seven. Preliminary steps toward the restoration of the church were inaugurated December 1, 1880, when D. Stover, T. Evans, W. G. Rubush, B. F. Witt and Benjamin Groves were elected trustees and lots 53 and 54, Coburn Addition on Oak Street were bought on February 26, 1881. A new church was erected on this site at a cost of four thousand dollars and dedicated March 5, 1882, under the pastorate of Rev. A. C. Wilmore, who led the forward movement which resulted in the increase of membership from twenty-seven to ninety during his two years' pastorate from 1881 to 1883.

Indianapolis First Church has entertained two annual sessions of White River Conference. This church entertained the ninth session of White River Conference beginning August 18, 1854, Bishop David Edwards, presiding. It also entertained the fifty-fourth session of White River Conference beginning August 30, 1899, Bishop Jonathan Weaver presiding.

In 1898 Rev. J. E. Shannon, pastor, and W. G. Rubush, A. G. Beard and John Weinland, trustees, erected the church building on the northwest corner of Central Avenue and Twenty-first Street, Indianapolis, at a cost of six thousand dollars. In 1907 the First Church was relocated, at the corner of Park Avenue and St. Clair

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Street, by Rev. E. E. Swords, pastor, and W. G. Rubush, A. G. Beard, E. E. Flickinger and John Weinland, trustees, at a cost of twelve thousand dollars.

The Indianapolis First Church, erected at the corner of Park Avenue and St. Clair Street, at the juncture of Massachusetts Avenue, under the pastorate of Rev. C. C. Gohn, by M. R. Mumma, E. E. Flickinger, M. A. Marshall, S. P. Matthews, L. D. Tyler, E. H. Cadle, C. E. Stout, Mary E. Hoss and Nina E. Ransburg, board of trustees, was dedicated May 27, 1922, by Bishop H. H. Fout. The building and grounds cost one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

INDIANAPOLIS, BROOKSIDE PARK CHURCH

Indianapolis, Brookside Park Church, first called Indianapolis Second Church, was organized by Rev. D. O. Darling in April, 1889, with the following charter members: David O. Darling, Mary Darling, Idella Darling, Charles Darling, John A. Bushong, Martha K. Bushong, Samuel Lapham, Josephine Lapham, Mary Hurley, Anna Hurley, J. A. Moore, Mary Moore, Arrinda Hamilton, Ella Lampton, Joseph Martin and A. M. Springer.

The first church building was a frame structure located on Rural Street, erected under the pastorate of Rev. D. O. Darling at a cost of two thousand five hundred dollars. The present church edifice, at the corner of Olney and Eleventh Streets, was erected by Rev. M. K. Richardson, and the board of trustees in 1910, at a cost of fourteen thousand dollars. In 1922 a lot was purchased adjoining the present site upon which stands a dwelling valued at six thousand dollars.

The parsonage at 1516 Olney Street was erected in 1920 at a cost of four thousand five hundred dollars, as a memorial to Martha K. Bushong, a charter member of the church.

INDIANAPOLIS, BELMONT AVENUE CHURCH

Indianapolis, Belmont Avenue Church, was organized by Rev. C. O. Hittle, in July, 1922, with the following charter members: John H. Thompson, Mattie Thompson, Warren Moore, Florence Moore, Anna Dixon, Lula Inlow, Clinton Southwick, Anna Southwick, Frank Jines, Harriett A. Jines, Della Stone, Dora Meredith, Fern Middaugh, Louis Whetstone, Mae Whetstone, Levi Walker, Blanche Walker, Frank W. Middaugh and Julia Middaugh.

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The Belmont Avenue church house and lot situated at the corner of Belmont Avenue and Morgan Street, in West Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, was purchased by Rev. C. O. Hittle, pastor, and Frank Jines, Clinton Southwick and Ernest Burlingame, trustees, at an estimated cost of two thousand dollars. The first class officers were Warren Moore, leader, and John H. Thompson, steward.

INDIANAPOLIS, CALVARY CHURCH

The Indianapolis Calvary Church, was organized by Rev. L. P. Cooper, pastor, September 17, 1920, with the following charter members: Louis C. Egglehof, Lillie Williams, Laura Long, Ernest Long, Sarah Ferguson, Ellen Schneider, Claude O. Hittle, Lillie N. Hittle, Luther A. Hittle, Robert Kirk, Lottie Williams Easley, Leonard Cheek, Cordia Cheek, Ernest R. Long, Anna Alstatt, Hubert O. Alstatt, Ida Eagle, Ruth Ergle Baker, Mahala Potts, Edward Tucker, Frances Tucker, Frank Belcher, Frona Fields, Belle Gregg, Fairy Kimberlin, Lafayette P. Cooper, Ida B. Cooper, Ira D. Fields, Eva Fields, Howard Fields, Mabel Fields, Bertha Mortsolf, Eva Mortsolf, Mary Mortsolf Kern, Mary Smith, Walter J. Smith, Lela Smith, Barbara Williams, Ethel Eastman, Ralph Fisher, Evelyn Chadd, Bernard Patton, Fern Kirkwood, Saluda Weaver, and Cora P. Organ.

Services have been held, since the organization, at the hall at the northwest corner of Hoyt and State Avenues, Indianapolis, Indiana. Real estate was purchased in June, 1923, for the purpose of erecting a church situated at the northeast corner of Hoyt and State Avenues, by L. P. Cooper, pastor, and Charles G. Duvall, William D. Shipp and George Ray, board of trustees, at a cost of forty-five hundred dollars.

COMMUNITY CHURCH, INDIANAPOLIS

Community Church was organized by Rev. J. T. Roberts in the summer of 1921, with the following charter members: Scott Hartup, Riley Clark, Louise Clark, Warren Shamer, Ethel Shamer, John Duckett, Pearl Duckett, James Duckett, Amos Heath, Flora Heath, Morton Rudd, Josephine Rudd, John Jones, Hiley Jones, Leslie Cooper, Frank Chevalier, Iola Chevalier, Nannie Hughes, Silas Stambrough, Frank Tanner, Mary Tanner, Caroline Townsend.

The Community church house at the northwest corner of Tipton and Twentieth Streets, Indianapolis, Indiana, became the property

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of the United Brethren Church in the summer of 1923 under the pastorate of Rev. J. T. Roberts. Riley Clark, Lewis Rudd, and John Duckett, board of trustees, at a valuation of twenty-five hundred dollars.

INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CHURCH

The University Heights Church was organized in the Indiana Central College building at University Heights, Indianapolis, Indiana, by Rev. S. B. Ervin, pastor, in September, 1905, with the following charter members: John A. Cummins, Adalene Cummins, William C. Brandenburg, Rufus J. Dearborn, Virginia Carr Dearborn, William M. Karstedt, Elizabeth Karstedt, Mayme Karstedt, Lottie Karstedt Linson, Fred W. Karstedt, Emma Karstedt Fodrea, Kephart C. Karstedt, Simon B. Ervin, Minerva Ervin, Blanche Ervin, Addie Hicks McKay, Irby J. Good, Levi L. Fisher, Rosa Fisher, Julius C. Shrigley, John T. Roberts, Alva Button Roberts, John Carlton Roberts, Irene Roberts, Glenn Roberts, Emmett P. Day, Dragoo Day, Thomas Warren and Hattie Warren.

University Heights Church lots, situated on the corner of Otterbein and Kephart Avenues in University Heights, Indianapolis, were purchased under the pastorate of Rev. S. E. Long in the spring of 1922, by Horace W. Marshall, Silas Ryker and Lorry O. Tomey, board of trustees, at a cost of seventeen hundred dollars.

Trustees Amzi D. Smith, Lorry O. Tomey and Silas Ryker purchased a parsonage for two thousand three hundred dollars in the autumn of 1918, and sold it in 1920 for two thousand seven hundred dollars, placing the proceeds in a depository as an investment for future use. The University Heights parsonage was purchased in 1924 by trustees H. W. Marshall, L. O. Tomey and Silas Ryker at a cost of four thousand eight hundred dollars.

EBENEZER CHURCH

Ebenezer Class of Franklin Township, Marion County, Indiana, was organized at a private house in December, 1841, by Rev. George Muth. The following is a list of charter members: Isaac Collins, Sarah Collins, Andrew Collins, Susan Collins, Lewis Toon, Ludica Toon, Elijah Collins, Emily Collins, Demetrius S. Toon, Amanda Toon, Philip Lightfoot, Amanda Lightfoot.

The Ebenezer church house situated in the southwest corner of Section 1 in Township 14 north, Range 4 east, Franklin Township, Marion County, Indiana, was erected in the year of 1859 under the

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Administration Building, Indiana Central College, Indianapolis, Indiana. Founded in 1904

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pastorate of Rev. Henry K. Muth, by Isaac Collins, Demetrius S. Toon and Elijah Collins, board of trustees, at a cost of twelve hundred and seventy-five dollars.

The church lot is one hundred and fifty feet square and was deeded by George B. Richardson and Sarah B. Richardson his wife, May 24, 1859, to Isaac Collins, Demetrius S. Toon and Elijah Collins, trustees, United Brethren in Christ.

INDIANAPOLIS, HOME LAWN CHURCH

The Home Lawn United Brethren Church at 2145 Drexel Avenue was organized January 11, 1925, by Rev. Roy E. Laswell. There were fifty-six charter members. The first Sunday school was held October 12, 1924, and regularly after that. Following are the names of the charter members: John W. Whetstine, Anna Whetstine, Raymond C. Foust, Walter K. Strough, Jennie Strough, Frances Brown, Guy Brown, Bessie Everetts, Alice Acker, Ernest Drake, Clara Drake, Wilma Drake, Harriet Beekman, Kuma Foust, Corda Foust, Cedric Foust, Kuma Laverne Foust, Wilma Mary Foust, John E. Beekman, Andrew H. Campbell, John T. Beekman, Leonard F. Thompson, Hazel Harritt, Billie Harritt, Bettie Jean Harritt, Florence Milne, Arthur Russell Milne, Robert Milne, Nina Clark, E. E. Clark, Cressa Bonita Clark, Dana Delight Clark, Adelbert Clark, Mrs. Florence Lucas, Rev. Roy E. Laswell, Dora R. Laswell, Velma Opal Laswell, Hoddey A. Foust, Grace Foust, Walter Henniger, Virginia Foust, Rebecca Miller, Charles A. Miller, Stanton Foust, Wilna Foust, E. Lester Foust, Frances Foust, Forest Foust, Donna Jeane Foust, Emma F. Smith, William S. Smith, Sanford Smith, Howard Smith, Robert Smith, Joseph Smith, David Smith.

Rev. R. E. Laswell, pastor of Home Lawn Church, Indianapolis, was a soldier in the World War, serving as a corporal in 36th Infantry, U. S. Army from May 20, 1918, to June 30, 1919.

BOONE COUNTY

BEECH GROVE CHURCH

The Beech Grove Class was organized about 1870, in the vicinity of the present Beech Grove Church with the following charter members: John Garrett, Sarah A. Garrett, Edmund Powell, Keziah Powell, John Crask, Nancy J. Crask, Henry Padgett, Nancy Padgett, Jesse Poor and Beulah Poor.

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The first frame church house was situated near the southeast corner of Clinton Township, Boone County, Indiana, and was erected in 1880 by John Garrett, Edmund Powell and Francis M. Newman, board of trustees, at a cost of twelve hundred dollars. The present Beech Grove Church built on the same site in 1906 under the pastorate of Rev. C. O. Sherrill was erected by John Garrett, John T. Moore, and Charles M. Padgett at a cost of twenty-five hundred dollars.

LEBANON CHURCH

The class at Lebanon, Boone County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. S. Stackhouse in the year of 1887, with the following charter members; namely, Joseph Cavin, Mary Cavin, Lucy Neese, Susan Byroads, Charles Smith, Nancy Smith, Ola Smith, Sherman Smith, Laura Smith, Rev. Robert B. VanAllen, Susan VanAllen, Blanche VanAllen, Aaron B. Large, Cynthia Large, Jesse Phelps, Daisy Phelps, Moses A. Robinson, Nellie Robinson, Belle Kiser, Roy Kiser, Myrtle Kiser, Nettie Bryant, Lou Michels, Otto Large, Eva Large, Maggie Hand, Al Hayden, Maggie Hayden, Ora Dickerson, Donna Dickerson, Mary Enlow, Kate Enlow. The class erected a frame church on Walnut near East Street in Lebanon, Indiana, in the year of 1888, at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars. The following trustees having charge of the building; namely, William Isenhour, Jacob Byerly and M. Heller.

The Lebanon congregation took charge of their second church house under the pastorate of Rev. J. Rosenbarger in 1905. The church was a brick building situated on the corner of East and Pearl streets having a value of three thousand dollars, the trustees being Jesse Phelps, Sherman Smith and Aaron B. Large. The present house of worship at Lebanon erected at the corner of Lebanon and Green streets costing three thousand dollars was occupied by our congregation in 1916 under the pastorate of Rev. J. M. Tuggle. The trustees at that time consisted of Aaron B. Large, David S. Crooks, and Albert H. Williams.

The Lebanon parsonage purchased in the spring of 1923 under the pastorate of Rev. Forest E. Reed is situated on the lot adjoining the church, and cost twenty-five hundred dollars.

MAX CHURCH

The Max Class at Jefferson Township, Boone County, Indiana, was organized at the house of Manuel Hiestand, son of Bishop

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Hiestand, about the year of 1844 by Rev. James Griffith, pastor of Coal Creek Circuit, as the Mount Zion Class with the following charter members; namely, Mary Hiestand, Manuel Hiestand, William Bristow, Martha Bristow, William Cline, Susan Cline, Joseph Gee, Nancy Gee, John Cranor, Elizabeth Cranor, Aaron Steward, Elizabeth Steward. The private class worshipped at a schoolhouse for about twenty years. The Mount Zion log church house, one mile north of Max, was built in 1866 under the pastorate of Rev. T. M. Hamilton by Manuel Hiestand, Josiah Gee, and George Rowe, trustees.

The class worshipped in the log church twenty years, when the frame church was erected under the pastoral labors of Rev. O. P. Cooper of Lebanon Circuit in the year of 1886, by Manuel Hiestand, Franklin Hiestand, Joseph Lasley, William Lasley and William Rust, trustees, at a cost of twelve hundred dollars. The church was moved in 1902 to the village of Max, and remodeled at an additional cost of twelve hundred dollars under the pastorate of Rev. B. B. Phelps, by Frank Hiestand, James Lasley, James W. Roark, board of trustees.

While collecting data, at the home of James Roark whose wife Amanda Hiestand Roark, was the daughter of Manuel Hiestand, I found the saddle bags owned and carried by Bishop Hiestand during his long pioneer history, which have been sent to the United Brethren Historical Society at Dayton, Ohio, for preservation.

TERHUNE CHURCH

The Terhune Church was organized in 1896 by Rev. B. B. Phelps. Rev. Larkin B. Hamilton was pastor when the church house was bought in 1900 by Larkin Hamilton, Lorenzo D. Wyatt, Jr., Washington Dunn, and Albert Good, trustees. This organization was effected under the pastorate of Rev. B. B. Phelps, with the following charter members: Elizabeth Stoops, Mary E. Wyatt, Lorenzo D. Wyatt, Minnie Wyatt, Samuel McCloskey, Melissa McCloskey, Cora McCloskey, Washington Dunn, Violet Dunn, Albert Good, Clara Good, Agnes Wyatt, Alice Cox, Caroline McGaughey, Herbert Purdy. The church was bought from the Presbyterians on the following described real estate: South half of lots 22 and 23 of the original plat of the town of Terhune at the corner of Main and Harrison streets in Marion Township, Boone County, Indiana, at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars.

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The new brick veneer church at Terhune was erected under the pastorate of Rev. E. R. Schwartz, by trustees, George Wyatt, Charles Baird, Dora French, Kate Stoker, and Ida Dennis, in 1923, at a cost of eighteen thousand dollars.

JOHNSON COUNTY

We enter upon the historic scene in connection with Johnson County, with the highest respect, and most solemn reverence. This area of pioneer activity was an important part of the field of operation of that man of God, the Rev. Aaron Farmer. He stated in a report of his evangelistic work which he made to the Religious Telescope in the early spring of 1838, that he had organized the Scott Class a short time before within four or five miles of his home. That was the original name of the Honey Creek Church, and this unquestioned authority in regard to the date and place gives extraordinary importance, to this historical account.

HONEY CREEK CHURCH

The Honey Creek Church, Johnson County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. Aaron Farmer, pastor of Indianapolis Circuit, in February, 1838, with the following charter members: Washington Jones, Sarah Jones, Irvin Cox, Matilda Cox, Nelson Scott, Sarah A. Scott, Jeffrey Davis, Almira Davis, John Surface, Eva Surface, Capt. James M. Jones, Polly Jones, Merideth Cox, Sarah Cox, Elijah Stone, Jane Stone.

The first frame church house built by the Honey Creek Class was erected about one half mile south of the present site of Honey Creek Church in 1842, by Rev. George Muth, pastor of Franklin Circuit, and by Washington Jones, Nelson Scott, and Irvin Cox, trustees, at a cost of one thousand dollars. The second frame church house of the Honey Creek Church was erected at the present site, in White River Township, Johnson County, Indiana, under the pastorate of Rev. J. B. Ervin of Greenwood Circuit, in the year of 1861, by trustees, Irvin Cox, Washington Jones and Jeffry Davis, at a cost of two thousand dollars. The Honey Creek church house was remodeled under the pastorate of Rev. M. O. Jarvis, by Lawson H. Waddell, James Scott, and John H. Waddell, board of trustees, in the year of 1906, at a cost of one thousand three hundred fifty dollars.

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BARGERSVILLE CHURCH

In the fall of 1856 services were held in the community north of Bargersville, and the Bethel Class was organized by Rev. B. F. Morgan, pastor of Greenwood Circuit with the following charter members: Henry Pruner, M. A. Pruner, Nelson Scott, Sarah Scott, Josephine Rush, Mollie Rush, John McCarty, Mary McCarty, Christian Doty, Susan Doty, Sarah Sedam, John Waddell, and M. S. Waddell.

The Bethel church house, situated in White River Township, Johnson County, Indiana, was erected under the pastorate of Rev. J. S. Wall of Honey Creek Circuit, by Henry Pruner, Nelson Scott, and Christian Doty, trustees, in the summer of 1866, at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars.

The Bargersville church house was erected under the pastorate of Rev. R. W. Harlow in the year of 1909, by the board of trustees at a cost of four thousand dollars.

SMITH VALLEY CHURCH

The Smith Valley Church in Johnson County, was first organized as the Olive Branch Class in the spring of 1850 by Rev. W. S. Stuart, pastor of Franklin Circuit, with the following charter members: Shelby Fullen, Elizabeth Fullen, William Day, Rebecca Day, Isaac Sutton, Jacob Sutton, Sarah Sutton, Jane Sutton, John Sutton, Margaret Sutton, Samuel Zehring, and Mima Zehring.

The Olive Branch Church situated in White River Township, Johnson County, Indiana, was erected under the pastorate of Rev. H. K. Muth, of Greenwood Circuit in the year of 1859, by Shelby Fullen, John Sutton and Samuel Zehring, trustees, at a cost of fourteen hundred dollars. This church was relocated at Smith Valley, White River Township, Johnson County, Indiana, in 1899, under the pastorate of M. R. Myer by Franklin Barger, Jacob Sutton, and Charles Edwards, board of trustees, at a cost of twenty-four hundred dollars.

The Smith Valley Church was remodeled in 1905 and later by James Hardin, Howard Zehring, and William Riser, board of trustees, at a cost of two thousand dollars.

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CHAPTER VIII

BRAZIL DISTRICT
CLAY COUNTY

BRAZIL CHURCH

The Brazil Church was organized by Rev. Thomas Buck at the house of George Staubacher, just south of the city limits of Brazil, Indiana, in the year of 1869, with the following charter members: George Staubacher, Catharine Staubacher, John Shackelford, Mary Shackelford, Joshua Hadley, Alice Hadley, Alexander Hadley, Sarah Hadley, Charles Dodwell, Janie Dodwell, Cora Dodwell Evans, William H. Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson, Henry Trackwell, Catharine Trackwell, and James Wright.

The Brazil church house on the northeast corner of Posey and Grant streets, Brazil, Indiana, was erected under the pastorate of Rev. Henry Johns in the year of 1889, by James M. Anderson, Harrison Plunkard, and Arthur Helton, board of trustees, at a cost of two thousand dollars. The church was enlarged, and remodeled by Rev. Celia Austin in 1912, by trustees, Edward N. Evans, Jesse Miller, and Alexander Scott. The improvement cost fifteen hundred dollars.

CENTERPOINT CHURCH

Centerpoint Church, Clay County, was organized in the summer of 1839, by Rev. John C. McNamar, with the following charter members: Susan Rawlings Kennedy, Zeno Hinshaw, Abigail Hinshaw, Ezekiel Jenkins, Lewis T. Ambrose, Elizabeth Ambrose, Joseph Ebersole, Anna Ebersole, Nathan Gibbons, Mary Gibbons, Daniel Upp, Sarah Upp, William Russell, Thurza Russell, Daniel Hays, Alvira Hays, William M. Givens, Eliza Givens, Jabez Hunt, Esau Pressnell, Rufus L. Kennedy, and Mary Givens Kennedy.

The first church house, a large frame structure, was erected in 1852 under the pastorate of Rev. George Kite, at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars, by the following trustees, Jabez Hunt, Zeno Hinshaw, Ezekiel Jenkins. The house was used for church purposes for twenty-three years, until the building of the more modern edifice in the western part of the town in 1875 at a cost of four thousand dollars under the pastorate of Rev. J. Sheets with the following trustees: William M. Givens, Lewis F. Ambrose, and Nathan Gibbons. The church at Centerpoint was remodeled in the year of 1898 under the pastorate of Rev. W. C. Adams, at a cost of two thousand five hundred dollars.

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CLAY CITY CHURCH

The United Brethren Church at Clay City, Indiana, was organized in 1886, by Rev. Wm. Malsom, at the dwelling of Henry Clymer, with the following charter members: Henry Clymer, Catharine Clymer, John Clymer, Agnes Clymer, David Owen, Amanda Owen, William H. Cook, Mary Cook, Margaret Skelly, Henry Correll, Barbara Correll, Jeremiah T. Jones, Henrietta Jones, Mamie Jones Baumgartner, Isaac Netz, Nancy Netz, Wm. Tiley, William Steiner, Rhoda Steiner. This society erected a brick church on the corner of White and Eighth streets in Clay City, in the year of 1888, at a cost of three thousand four hundred dollars, and was dedicated in June, 1889, by Bishop Jonathan Weaver, D.D., with the following board of trustees: William H. Cook, Henry F. Clymer, Jeremiah T. Jones, William Steiner, and Henry Correll.

The dream of a modern building began to be realized in 1918, under the pastorate of L. A. Huddleston, when a new location was purchased on one of the most desirable corners in the central part of the town. Two years later the present pastor, T. B. Kelsey, was appointed to the charge and, through his capable and heroic leadership, the building enterprise was launched and carried to triumphant success. It required a heroism and faith that would not yield to failure. His leadership was so Christ-like, in spirit and purpose as to win and hold the confidence and cooperation of the people.

This new brick church edifice which was erected at the corner of Eighth and Washington streets, in the year of 1923, was dedicated December 16, 1923, by Bishop H. H. Fout, at a cost of thirty-three thousand dollars. The pastor was assisted in this enterprise by Henry F. Weber, Charles W. Knox, Charles J. Easley, Clarence O. Schlegel, Martin O. Royer, William S. Moyer and Fred Meyer, board of trustees.

The reader is here reminded that he is tracing events of more than ordinary interest. By way of introducing the leader of the Frontier Missionary Movement in this part of the State, we invite the attention of the historical student to an event that occurred during the ministry of Jesus. We learn in the third chapter of Saint John that a ruler of the Jews, named Nicodemus, on approaching the Divine Master by night sought some very important information, and learned one of the most sublime truths of the gospel. With due reverence Nicodemus expressed his desire by saying, "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no

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man can do these signs that thou doest, except God be with him." Jesus answered and said unto him "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born anew he cannot see the kingdom of God." Thus Jesus revealed to Nicodemus the grand doctrine of regeneration. Nicodemus then became a promoter of the great doctrine of regeneration by the Spirit of God. In like manner John Calvin McNamar who came to Jesus at that great meeting at Andrew Zeller's barn near Germantown, Ohio, in 1811, learned by a marvelous experience wherein he was born anew through the regenerating power of God. That regeneration was a cardinal doctrine in the teachings of his Savior, Jesus Christ. While McNamar was a capable expositor of all the doctrines of the gospel his principal theme was that of regeneration. As he went forth he delivered this mighty proclamation, "Ye must be born again." Thousands who heard him preach on this sublime subject opened their ears to the gospel call and found Jesus at the altar of mercy. Everywhere he went he taught as his master taught this ever-living theme of the glad tidings of salvation. His converts not only had the advantage of his masterful teaching and preaching of the doctrine of regeneration, but they had the heart felt joy of its happy experience in their own souls.

Clay County as well as the counties at the south and the east, heard this great modern missionary with delight, who, under God, laid the foundation for the United Brethren Church in that pioneer country.

CLOVERLAND CHURCH

The Cloverland Class was organized at Williamstown schoolhouse in the spring of 1850, by Rev. John A. Mast, pastor of Rockville Circuit, with the following charter members: George Carpenter, Elizabeth Carpenter, Jacob A. Carpenter, Evaline Grass Carpenter, Catharine Carpenter Falls, John A. Falls, Marcus Lafayette West, Maria Carpenter West, George Washington Eppert, Sarah Jones Eppert, John Eppert, Mary Eppert, Joseph Mosteller, Jemima Mosteller, Eli Carpenter, Elizabeth Mosteller Carpenter, Samuel Cheek, Hannah Cheek, Ann Ringo Bowles, Catharine Rowe, Mary Grass, Martha J. Radifer.

The Cloverland Church was built in 1855 under the pastorate of Rev. Ira Mater, by Jacob A. Carpenter, George W. Eppert, and John G. Ackelmire, trustees, at a cost of twelve hundred dollars. The Cloverland Church was repaired under the pastorate of Rev. R. B. VanAllen in 1893, by Frederick J. S. Robinson, John M.

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Lucas, and John A. Fall, board of trustees, at a cost of fourteen hundred dollars. The church was remodeled under the pastorate of Rev. W. N. Coffman, by Winfield S. Carpenter, James E. Crouse, and John W. Weber, board of trustees, in the year of 1905, at a cost of two thousand four hundred dollars.

CONNELLY CHURCH

Connelly Class was organized near Eel River, on the E. and I. railroad crossing, under the pastorate of Rev. J. Sheets, in the year of 1880, with the following charter members: Calvin Hiatt, Rebecca Hiatt, Catharine Bentz, Wesley Cooperider, Samuel Pendergast, Eliza Pendergast, Anna Hiatt Sanders, Floris Stunkard, Jesse Alley, and Anne Alley.

In the winter of 1888 to 1889, George Conder and James Hosea held a revival at the schoolhouse resulting in one hundred twenty-five conversions, fifty-eight of whom afterward were baptized in Eel River in one day.

A board of trustees was elected consisting of Calvin Hiatt, Jesse Alley, and Wesley Cooperider, who proceeded to the erection of a church house which was completed and dedicated in 1889 at a cost of about fifteen hundred dollars.

EBENEZER CHURCH

The Ebenezer Church in Van Buren Township, Clay County, Indiana, was organized under the pastorate of Rev. Frederick Kenoyer, pastor of Rockville Circuit in the year of 1857 with the following charter members: David Buck, Maria Buck, William F. Pell, Nancy Pell, John Orme, Margaret Orme, Samuel Buck, Martha Buck, John C. Stallcup, Mary Jane Stallcup, Nellie Stallcup, John Brooks, Jane Brooks, Rebecca Bell Thomas, Kate Armstrong, Nancy J. McQueen, Hiram McQueen, and Julia McQueen.

The Ebenezer church house in Van Buren Township, Clay County, Indiana, was erected in 1858 under the pastorate of Rev. Frederick Kenoyer, by Samuel Buck, Hiram McQueen, and John Orme, board of trustees at a cost of twelve hundred and fifty dollars. The church was remodeled at a later date by Hiram McQueen, Samuel Buck, and John Brooks, board of trustees, at a cost of eight hundred dollars.

HARMONY CHURCH

Harmony Church in the town of Harmony, Clay County, Indiana, was organized in the year of 1876 by Rev. Henry Johns, with the following charter members: John L. Williams, Mary Williams, James Elliott, Lizzie Elliott, Mary D. Elliott, Joshua

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Elliott, Richard Powers, Josephine Powers, Magdalene Slaughter, Catharine Boyer, Samuel Acree, Amy Acree, William Sinclair, and Margaret Sinclair.

The schoolhouse was purchased in 1878 under the pastorate of Rev. Henry Johns, and converted into a church house by Richard Powers, William Sinclair, and James Elliott, trustees, and repaired in 1900 by William Harris, Steve Steel, and Richard Powers, trustees, at a cost of eight hundred dollars.

MOUNT LEBANON CHURCH

The Mount Lebanon Class was organized at Cardonia schoolhouse, Van Buren Township, Clay County, Indiana, by Rev. John A. Mast, pastor of Rockville Circuit, in the summer of 1850, with the following charter members: Franklin Casteel, Martha Casteel, John Evans, Margaret Evans, George Sapp, Mary Sapp, Andrew J. Rodifer, Cazadana Rodifer, William Brown, Nancy Brown, George Williams, Elisha Adamson, Henry Swartz, and Ellen Swartz. The church house was built in 1899 at a cost of three thousand dollars. The Mount Lebanon Church was remodeled under the pastorate of Rev. E. L. Eckerly, by Harvey E. Rabb, Samuel R. Treager, and Frank Woolford, board of trustees, in the year of 1924, at a cost of twenty-five hundred dollars.

MOUNT ZION CHURCH

The Mount Zion Church, two miles northeast of Clay City, was organized by Rev. Jacob Waymire, in 1854, at a log house on the Moyer place, with the following charter members: John Moyer, Nancy Moyer, Henry Moyer, Keziah Moyer, David Royer, Elizabeth Royer, Abraham Cobble, Benjamin Cobble, Judy Cobble, Solomon Moyer, and William Long. The church was erected in 1866 at a cost of one thousand dollars with the following trustees: John Moyer, David Royer, and Abraham Cobble.

NORTH UNION CHURCH

The North Union Church in Posey Township, Clay County, Indiana, on the Clay-Vigo County line, was organized in the year of 1887, by Rev. E. P. Thorn, who became the first pastor, with the following charter members: Lafayette Roberts, Samantha Roberts, Mary C. Roberts, Alonzo Roberts, Emma Roberts, Phoebe Jane Roberts, John W. Miller, M. S. Miller, Samuel Taylor and Frank Myers.

On November 20, 1908, John W. Miller and wife deeded one-half acre in the northwest corner of Section 31, Posey Township, Clay

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County, Indiana, to the United Brethren Church upon which a church house was erected, all of which thereby became the property of the United Brethren Church at North Union, with the following trustees: Claude E. Thomas, Harrison Donham, Samuel Taylor, Frank M. Myers, and John W. Miller

PRAIRIE CITY CHURCH

Prairie City Church, near Hoosierville, Jackson Township, Clay County, Indiana, was organized about 1888, by Rev. William Malson, with the following charter members: Jane Wright, Reuben Stoops, Rebecca Stoops, John A. Trout, Mary Trout, Martin Perkins, Allen Gibbons, Anna Gibbons, Martha Buckalew, Elijah T. Zenor, and Eliza Zenor.

Prairie City Church was erected under the pastorate of Rev. W. C. Adams, in the year of 1899, and was dedicated by Bishop N. Castle, D.D., June 18, 1899, at a cost of twenty-five hundred dollars with the following board of trustees: Martin Perkins, John Willen, and Allen Gibbons.

Rebecca Stoops died at a class meeting at the Zenor schoolhouse while engaged in prayer.

PRAIRIE CITY CEMETERY

In the Zenor Cemetery near the Prairie City Church is the tomb of Rev. Amos W. Hedge, born November 16, 1796, and died April, 1871. His wife Jane Hedge is buried by his side.

SALINE CITY CHURCH

The Saline Class was organized at Evans schoolhouse, one and one-half mile east of Saline City, by Rev. Jesse L. Brandenburg, in the year of 1878, with the following charter members: Mary J. Brown, Anna J. Stuart, David M. Barnhart, Rhoda Barnhart, Samuel Waters, Lydia Waters, Mary Hirschfielt, Jennie Hopkins, and John M. Stuart.

The first officers were: Samuel Waters, leader, and D. M. Barnhart, steward. The class held services at Evans schoolhouse about five years. In the year of 1884 the Presbyterian Church was purchased by trustee Samuel Waters. This house was used as a place of worship until 1903, when it was torn down and a new frame church was erected on the same site at a cost of four thousand dollars by Rev. W. L. Perkins, pastor, and trustees, David M. Barnhart, Adam Baumunk, and Henry Webber.

TURNER CHURCH

Turner Church, in Posey Township, Clay County, Indiana, was organized in the autumn of 1884 by Rev. E. J. Jenkins, pastor of

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Cloverland Circuit, with the following charter members: James Poland, Mary Poland, Terrel Tipton, Nellie Jane Tipton, James Haywood Tipton, Eva A. Tipton, Allen Payne, Mary A. Payne, William Johnson, Mary Johnson, Charles Miller, Huldah Miller, Frank Shepherd, Martha Shepherd, Hiram Shepherd, Emmeline Shepherd, Jane Snoddy, Amanda Jewell, and Sophronia Waltzer.

The Turner Church, a frame structure, was built under the pastorate of Rev. E. J. Jenkins in the year of 1886, by trustees, James H. Tipton, E. J. Jenkins, Henry M. Pierce, and Christopher Early, at a cost of twenty-two hundred dollars.

UNION CHURCH

Union Church five miles southeast of Brazil, Clay County, Indiana, was organized in October or November, of 1840, by Rev. Amos W. Hedges, who became its first pastor. The Union Class formed a part of Eel River Circuit which was organized by the Wabash Conference at its fifth annual session, which convened September 5, 1839.

The Stationing Committee's report of the old Wabash Conference in 1839, shows that John McNamar was appointed to that charge for that year. He was succeeded by Amos W. Hedges, in 1840, who served Eel River Circuit three years by appointment of the annual conference, proving unusual capabilities as a pastor for that period of pioneer activities. Services were held at the homes of the members for four years.

In 1843 a log schoolhouse was built about three-fourths of a mile east of Hoosierville, Jackson Township, Clay County, Indiana, where Union Cemetery is located. This was used as a place of worship for twelve years. The following is a list of the charter members: James Bolin, Harriet Bolin, Marcus Perigo, Sarah Perigo, David Moore, Dorinda Moore, John Whittington, Rachel Whittington, Reuben Munsey, Hannah Munsey, Elizabeth Munsey, Jane Munsey, Jane Fisher Wright, Arthur Helton, Rev. John Helton, Eliza Helton, William Killion, Elizabeth Killion, Gabriel Killion, Rebecca Killion, Matthias Killion, Lucinda Killion, John Henry Brown, Martha Brown, James Killion, and Elizabeth Killion.

The Union church house was built in 1855, by Rev. George Shigley at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars by the following board of trustees; namely, Arthur Helton, Marcus Perigo, and David Moore. In the year of 1880 the church was remodeled at a cost of twelve hundred dollars under the pastorate of Rev. J. L. Brandenburg by

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the following board of trustees, John Whittington, Arthur Helton, and James Killion. A splendid new brick church edifice was erected by Union Church in 1923, under the pastorate of Rev. H. E. Conn, at a cost of seventeen thousand dollars.

MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

Mount Carmel Church in Clay County, Indiana, one mile and a half west of Bowling Green, in Washington Township, on the Lower Bloomington Road, was organized about 1855 by Rev. George Shigley with the following charter members: Adam Moon, Irene Moon, David Killion, Anna Killion, Leonard Killion, Rebecca Killion, Benjamin Moon, Sirintha Moon, George A. Moon, Cassie Moon, Linder Killion, Martha Killion, Elizabeth Zenor, Henry Zenor, and Mary Zenor.

The Mount Carmel Church was erected in 1871 at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars, and was dedicated by Bishop David Edwards, D.D., November 12, 1871. The entire outstanding indebtedness being liquidated on the day of dedication. R. L. Brengle was the pastor and the board of trustees were David Killion, Adam Moon, and Henry Zenor.

OWEN COUNTY

OTTERBEIN CHURCH

Otterbein Church, Marion Township, Owen County, Indiana, was organized at Bolling schoolhouse, Owen County, Indiana, by Rev. Alexander Collins in 1855 with the following charter members: Jacob Everhart, Sadie Everhart, Joseph Francis, Betsy Francis, Elijah Stephens, Rebecca Stephens, William Everett, Lavina Everett, Alice Shepherd, Jacob Shepherd, William Comer, and Margaret Comer.

Jacob Everett was the first leader, and Elijah Stephens was class steward.

The class worshipped in the Bell schoolhouse about twenty years, when the following board of trustees were elected; namely, Elijah Stephens, Jacob Everett, and William Comer. In the year of 1876 this board erected the Otterbein Church, in Marion Township, Owen County, Indiana, on the Owen Clay County Line at a cost of about fourteen hundred dollars under the pastorate of Rev. C. T. Joslyn, and was dedicated by A. J. Newgent. About the year of 1900 the church was remodeled at a cost of six hundred dollars.

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GERRARD CHURCH

The Gerrard Class of Morgan Township, Owen County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. John McNamar about the year of 1844 at the house of David Staley, with the following charter members: David Staley, Susan A. Staley, William Loser, Sarah Loser, Elijah Shaffer, Rhoda Shaffer, Fannie Brammer, Joseph Staley, Sarah Staley, Harriett Staley, Salome Staley, Jeffrey Guine, Jesse Ford, Elijah Wilty, Rebecca Wilty, John Humble, Jennie Humble, Nancy Humble, Martin Humble, Mary Staley Sheese, Fleming Brammer, Sarah Brammer, Mary Brammer, and James Chrissenbury.

The society held services in the homes of the members for fifteen years. In the year of 1860 the society erected a log church on the northwest corner of the John Carter farm. This house was used as a place of worship until 1889, when the society purchased the Gerrard Church situated on the Old State Road, valued at five hundred dollars. The trustees were: Abraham Sheese, Elijah Wilty, and Moses Carter. The church was remodeled in the year of 1914 at a cost of five hundred dollars, the trustees were: Jacob Sheese, Samuel Norman, and Emmet Sheese.

UNION CHAPEL

Union Class in Morgan Township, Owen County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. John McNamar in the spring of 1842, with the following charter members: Jacob Huber, Sarah Huber, Henry M. Long, Sarah A. Long, Jacob Price, Delilah Price, Joseph Ecret, Rev. James B. Arnett, Sarah Huber Arnett, Michael Long, Harriet H. Long, Francis Kennedy, Masia Kennedy, Rev. John McNamar, Mary McNamar, and Bryant McNamar.

In 1859 the church house was erected at a cost of eleven hundred dollars. In quoting from the Warranty Deed which was executed July 24, 1858, by which George M. Floyd, and Jane his wife deeded to Jacob Huber, James Arnett and Joseph Ecret, trustees, of the United Brethren Church in Christ, called Union, and their successors in office forever a part of the southeast quarter of Section 14, township 11, north range five west ten rods by 9, making 90 rods in Morgan Township, Owen County, Indiana. Received for Record August 12, 1858. Recorded in Deed Book Volume 17, page 250. David Harvil Recorder.

The grave of John McNamar was located near the west line of the farm, which is known as the Joseph Ecret farm, just south of Jordan Station on a branch of the Monon Railroad.

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PARKE COUNTY

THE FORMATION OF ROCKVILLE CIRCUIT

At the third session of the old Wabash Conference which was held in September, 1837, at the Jeremiah Davis schoolhouse, Warren County, Indiana, the preachers accepted circuits as follows: Frederick Kenoyer, Pine Circuit; James Davis, Wea Circuit; Ephraim Shuey, Coal Creek Circuit; John P. Shuey, Vermilion Circuit; Josiah Davis, Clinton Circuit; James Griffith, St. Joseph Circuit.

The annual conference proceeded to organize a new mission in Parke County, which they called the Rockville Mission, and to which they appointed Elijah T. Cook as home missionary. In the spring of 1838, Rev. E. T. Cook organized a new class in Parke County of which we give the following account.

BRISTLE RIDGE CHURCH

The Bristle Ridge Church having been organized in the spring of 1838, the following band of heroic pioneers constituted its charter membership: Hugh Russel, Mary Russel, Jonathan Mendenhall, Martha Mendenhall, Aaron Rawlings, Rebecca Rawlings, James Williamson, and Elizabeth Williamson.

They held religious services in private houses for about a quarter of a century, when services were held in a schoolhouse for several years. The Bristle Ridge Church, a log meeting-house was erected on the west bank of Green Creek in the southwest corner of Sugar Creek Township, Parke County, Indiana, in 1871, under the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Smith. This log building was kept in a good state of preservation for a half century. In 1923, this hewed-log church, by permission of the governor of Indiana, under the direction of the State Park Board, was moved to a point south of Sugar Creek, in Turkey Run Park, where it was rebuilt in the midst of a virgin forest a short distance from the southwest gate of the park. The entire structure consisting of the logs, floor, and seats, were moved from the old location, a distance of three miles to its present location in the park. The dedication service took place on Sunday, July 1, 1923. Rev. O. P. Cooper assisted by Revs. M. F. Dawson, A. M. Snyder, Leslie E. Smith and H. A. Lashbrook participated in the dedicatory services.

FAIRVIEW CHURCH

The Fairview Church was organized under the name of the Bowsher Class in the summer of 1828 by Rev. Jacob Mahan, pastor of the Wabash Mission, with the following charter members: Joseph

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Bowsher, Miranda Bowsher, Jacob Bowsher, Margaret Bowsher, John Bowsher, Sallie Bowsher, Jacob Bowsher, Jr., Melissa Bowsher, George Sherby, Conrad Farner, and Elizabeth Farner.

The first twenty years the services were held in the homes. The old depot church was erected in 1849 by Joseph Bowsher, Jacob Bowsher, and George Sherby, trustees, at a cost of one thousand dollars.

Joseph Bowsher owned a sawmill and a yoke of oxen, and furnished most of the labor and material toward building the church. He sawed the lumber and used his team of oxen to haul it to the ground.

In 1887 a new brick church was erected at a cost of two thousand five hundred dollars, under the pastorate of Rev. O. P. Cooper with the following board of trustees: Joseph N. Bowsher, Zimri Hunt, Thomas Cousey, Alexander Armstrong, and John Shoup. This brick structure was dedicated December 25, 1887.

This church organization has the distinction of being one of the five oldest churches in this greater White River Conference. Its organization occurred only four years later than that of the old Franklin Church, and but one year after the organization of the Coal Creek Class, which was the beginning of our present Veedersburg Church.

RAWLINGS CHURCH

The Rawlings Class was organized at the house of Aaron Rawlings one mile east of Annapolis, Parke County, Indiana, in the summer of 1833, with the following charter members: Aaron Rawlings, Rebecca Rawlings, Stephen Rawlings, Jabez Hunt, Zeno Hinshaw, James Maris, Annie Maris, Mary Ann Rawlings, Nathan Hunt, and John Kelley.

The Rawlings meeting-house was erected in 1834 at the southwest corner of the cross roads one mile east of Annapolis, Parke County, Indiana, under the pastorate of Rev. E. T. Cook, of Coal Creek Circuit, by Aaron Rawlings, Jabez Hunt, and Zeno Hinshaw, at a cost of twelve hundred dollars, the existence of this local church, covers a period of more than a half century. Notwithstanding the class has been disbanded, the meeting-house still stands at this site in a fair state of preservation.

Two sessions of the old Wabash Conference were held at this meeting-house. The first session was held in September, 1835, with Bishop William Brown presiding, and James Griffith, secretary. The next session was held in September, 1851, Bishop Jacob Erb

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presiding and William M. Jones, secretary. When the old Wabash Conference was divided this pioneer church was in the territory of the Upper Wabash Conference, which held one session in this church the first five days in September of 1864.

A CIVIL WAR INCIDENT

At the session of 1864 at which Bishop Edwards presided the following circumstance occurred: About the time the Bishop took his text for his Sunday morning sermon, a score of "Butternuts" whose sympathies were with the Southern Confederacy, and who lived in the western part of the county arrived on horseback, and just as they passed in front of the church one of their number cried out "Hurrah for Jeff Davis!" Whereupon a dozen or more Union soldiers, who had reenlisted as veterans and were at home on furlough, were standing just outside the church, ran to the hitch racks, quickly untied the horses, and after mounting them started in hot pursuit of the fleeing "Butternuts" with the full intention of wreaking vengeance upon these unpatriotic horsemen. After racing one mile the soldier boys succeeded in halting them at the village of Annapolis where the "Butternuts" were surrounded, a rope was secured, and the offenders were taken back to the church, and so determined were the blue coats to hang the chief offender, that it required all the efforts of the Bishop, and that sturdy pioneer preacher, James Griffith, to save the recreant's neck. However, after Bishop Edwards and James Griffith had counselled the soldiers to use mercy with the understanding that the offenders should not repeat their disloyal conduct the "Butternuts" were released, and permitted to go home, and the effect of the drastic treatment was such that no disloyal utterances were ever afterward heard from any of their lips.

FARMERS CHURCH

The class at Farmers Chapel, Union Township, Parke County, Indiana, first called the Martin Class was organized by Rev. James Smith in March, 1860, with the following charter members: Daniel S. Kelley, Margaret B. Kelley, Alvin Finney, Mary Finney, Amanda Blake, Phoebe Barton, Sarah Barton, Mary Bagwell, Lavina Bagwell, Adaline Mitchell, James Noble, Margaret Martin, Margaret Homen Noble, Letitia Harney, Lavina Martin, Mary J. Blake, Nancy Lowe, Julia A. Berry, Matilda Davis, Reuben Davis, Gilead Martin, Elizabeth Martin, Madison Blake, Martha Blake, Joseph S. Moore, Hannah Moore, Amos Wells, and Mary Martin.

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The class worshiped in the Martin schoolhouse for seven years. Rev. James Smith was succeeded in the pastorate by Rev. Lawrence Zeigler. The Farmers Chapel was erected in the year of 1867 under the pastorate of Rev. James A. Smith by the following trustees: Daniel S. Kelley, James Noble, and Samuel Blacketer at a cost of twelve hundred fifty dollars.

OTTERBEIN CHURCH

The Otterbein Class in Union Township, Parke County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. F. Kenoyer in the spring of 1848, with the following charter members: John Mater, Mary Mater, Charles Veach, Martha Veach, John Miller, Mary Miller, Samuel Davis, William Bullion, Margaret Bullion, Ira McGildree and Jane McGildree.

The log church was erected under the pastorate of Rev. Campbell Brock of Rockville Circuit, by trustees, John Mater, Charles Veach, John Miller, William Bullion, and Ira McGildree, in 1853, on Section 20, Union Township, Parke County, Indiana.

The present frame church was erected on the old church site under the pastorate of Rev. John Evans, pastor of Annapolis Circuit, by trustees, Oliver Bullion, Henry Jefferies, Halbert Davis, Abraham Miller and Hosea Wimmer, in the year of 1887, at a cost of two thousand eight hundred dollars.

SAND CREEK CHURCH

The Sand Creek Church at Nyesville, Washington Township, four miles northeast of Rockville, Parke County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. John Hoobler, pastor of Rockville Circuit, Wabash Conference, in October, 1850, with the following charter members: John A. Blake, Mary A. Blake, David P. Rowe, Sarah Rowe, David Fulwider, Purline Fulwider, John Downey, Edna Downey, Joshua Fulwider, Levi Skelton, Esther Skelton, John Cauldwell, Sr., Margaret Cauldwell, William Johnson, John Steffy, Philip Spoonmore, Catharine Spoonmore, William Clark, Sarah Beaty, Thomas Smith, Nancy Smith, Jane Young and Peter Rutledge.

The log church house was purchased of the Disciples under the pastorate of Rev. John Hoobler, by the following board of trustees; namely, David P. Rowe, William Clark, Thomas Smith, David Fulwider, and Peter Rutledge. The present frame church was erected in 1900 under the pastorate of Rev. George W. Bonebrake by Peter Rutledge, Wilbon P. Harrison, William Clark, Frank

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Welch, and D. Porter Rowe, board of trustees, at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars. After the log church had been used for fifty years, the big walnut and yellow poplar logs were sold to W. P. Harrison who disposed of the poplar logs for shingles which are still in use.

MARSHALL CHURCH

The Marshall Class was organized in 1890 by Frank E. Penny with the following charter members: William Heath, Rebecca Heath, Mary A. Rawlings, Christopher Huff, Elizabeth Huff, Yancy Jessup, Serilda Jessup, William Poe, and Matilda Poe. The church house was erected at Marshall, Indiana, in 1891, at a cost of twenty-two hundred dollars.

About three or four squares north of this church at the north of Marshall you will reach the gateway of the State highway, leading to the entrance of Turkey Run Park. The land is rolling and undulating, and upon entering the park you are attracted with the most charming scenery to be found in the western states—beautiful forest trees, moss, ferns, flowers, berries and almost every variety of undergrowth that can be found in a virgin forest. The scenes along Sugar Creek, which runs through the park, are unusually fascinating. As you cross the bridge northward you behold the rock-bound Narrows. Casting your eye upward toward the northwest at an angle of forty-five degrees you get a striking view of the old brick mansion in the midst of forest and field, to the right of which, like a cream colored ribbon, the park road circles up the eastern slope of the north bank of the lovely Sugar Creek, the living water of Indiana's most famous park.

POPLAR RIDGE CHURCH

The Poplar Ridge Class was organized in the year of 1859 by Rev. Ira Mater, with the following charter members: William Mains, and his wife, William Harmless, Mary Harmless, Rebecca Wood, Jane McHargue, Abraham Wells, and Sarah Wells.

The services for the first nine years were held at Mains schoolhouse. In the spring of 1866, Rev. John Newell, pastor, assisted by William Mains and Abraham Wells, two exhorters, held a meeting at Mains schoolhouse, at which time about fifty persons were converted, and united with the United Brethren Church, which resulted in the building of Poplar Ridge Church, which was located in Jackson Township, Parke County, Indiana. The church house was a log

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structure built mostly of poplar logs hewed by Abraham Wells. The building was erected in 1868, and used for twenty-five years for church purposes.

In 1872 under the leadership of Wm. Pentzer, pastor, a great revival, resulting in the conversion of sixty persons, of whom three entered the United Brethren ministry; namely, Abner D. McHargue, Michael N. Branson and Joseph Barricklow. In 1896 a new frame church house was erected on the same site at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars, by Jackson P. Martin, John M. McHargue, and James Hood, under the pastorate of Charles M. Byerly, which building is still in use.

ZION CHURCH

The Zion Class, Jackson Township, Parke County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. Daniel S. Kelley in the year of 1881 with the following charter members: Rosanna Pruett, Stephen McHargue, Elizabeth McHargue, James Spencer, Agnes Spencer, Hubbard K. Thompson, Elizabeth Thompson, William Evans, Mary Evans, Washington Rightsel, Sarah Rightsel, Mattie Thompson, James Knight, William Ames, Sarah Ames, Warner Ames, and Martha Ames.

The Zion Church was erected in 1880 at a cost of one thousand dollars. The new church house at Zion was erected in 1903 under the pastorate of Rev. W. Smiley, pastor of Harmony Circuit, by Charles Thompson, James Searing, and Otis Ames, trustees, at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars.

PUTNAM COUNTY

BEECH GROVE CHURCH

Beech Grove Class, Clinton Township, Putnam County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. James Smith in 1860 in Pierce schoolhouse, with the following charter members: John Blacketer, Matilda Blacketer, Thomas Carmichael, Mary Jane Carmichael, John Shonkwiler, Ruth Shonkwiler, Mary Carmichael, John Carmichael, and Matilda Carmichael.

The lot upon which the log church was situated was deeded by John Carmichael to the following trustees: John Blacketer, John Shonkwiler, and Thomas Carmichael. The frame church house was erected in the year of 1877, under the pastorate of A. M. Snyder, by John Blacketer, John Shonkwiler, and Thomas Carmichael, trustees, at a cost of seventeen hundred dollars.

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CHAPTER IX

CRAWFORDSVILLE DISTRICT
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CRAWFORDSVILLE CHURCH

In the year of 1905 a board of trustees was elected for the purpose of building a United Brethren Church in Crawfordsville, such church to be composed of a union of the Otterbein Church a few miles south, and the Shiloh Church a few miles eastward together with the members of the church living in the city of Crawfordsville. Rev. F. D. Pugh was assigned to the charge by the Upper Wabash Conference of 1904.

The Crawfordsville Church was organized in the fall of 1904 by Rev. F. D. Pugh, with the following charter members: Belle Byers, Margaret Myers, G. U. Chadwick, Dicie Chadwick, Henry Chadwick, Maria Chadwick, William Gray, Edith Gray, Lee Gray, Lena Gray, Edward Line, Minnie Line, Josie Young, Florence Took, Minnie Hartung, George Hartung, William A. Clark, Coriander Clark, Frank Guntle, Salome Guntle, John R. Miller, Rose Miller, George Stout, Anna Stout, Jesse Hartung, Rev. John H. Elder, Belle Elder, Rev. Elmer Mater, Hannah Mater, and Sarah Acher.

During the year of 1905, William M. White sold two lots to the Crawfordsville Church of the United Brethren in Christ on the southwest corner of Main and Pine streets in the city of Crawfordsville, Indiana.

The execution of the deed bears the date of February 23, 1905. In the year of 1906 Rev. F. D. Pugh led the movement which resulted in the erection of a beautiful and substantial brick church edifice upon the site indicated in the foregoing deal, at a cost of eighteen thousand dollars. During the same period a modern two-story frame parsonage was erected at the same site, which cost four thousand five hundred dollars. The board of trustees having charge of the erection of these buildings, was composed of William M. White, Francis M. Dice, Joab Frank Guntle, Mary S. Stout, and John M. Bonebrake.

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CRAWFORDSVILLE CIRCUIT

A camp-meeting held near Hillsboro, Fountain County, Indiana, in August, 1836, resulted in a great awakening which extended throughout Fountain and Montgomery Counties. The Wabash Conference was held at the house of Margaret Hoobler in September, following this great meeting. Bishop Henry Kumler presided. The people gathered from the surrounding circuits, and the annual conference was a veritable Pentecost. At this conference Rev. Elijah T. Cook was appointed to Coal Creek Circuit which extended over the eastern part of Fountain and the western part of Montgomery Counties.

SNYDER CHURCH

In the spring of 1837, Brother Cook organized the Snyder Church, at the house of John Snyder, Sr., about three quarters of a mile northeast of the present site of Snyder Chapel, in Wayne Township, Montgomery County, Indiana, with the following charter members: John Snyder, Sr., Rebecca Snyder, Catharine Snyder, Amelia Snyder, George Snyder, John Snyder, Jr., William Tolbert, Elizabeth Tolbert, Amy Tolbert, Samuel Tolbert, and Martha Showen. The first class officers were John Snyder, class leader, and William Tolbert, class steward.

The first frame church house was purchased of the Methodists, by John Snyder, for one hundred dollars, and moved across the road on a lot about one-half mile north of the present site, and the building was completed and occupied in the spring of 1857 under the pastorate of Rev. T. M. Hamilton, of Chambersburg Circuit, with John Snyder, Sr., George Snyder and Lemuel Showen, trustees. The old building with the additional improvements had a value of one thousand dollars.

The second church house, a frame structure, was erected in the northwest part of Wayne Township, Montgomery County, Indiana, in the year of 1897 under the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Elder, at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars. The Snyder camp-meeting ground in the northwest section of Wayne Township, about a mile from the present site of Snyder Chapel was maintained for a period of ten years from 1840 to 1850.

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MOUNT ZION CHURCH

The Mount Zion Church was organized in the fall of 1862, by Rev. Thomas Guisinger, with the following charter members: Katie Cope, Valentine Miller, Eliza Miller, Mary Norman, David Norman, Elizabeth Norman, Zebulin Cope, Absom Cope, Lydia Cope, Enos Cope, and George Cope. The church was erected in 1875, by Zebulin Cope, Valentine Miller, and Enos Cope, trustees, at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars.

UNION CENTER CHURCH

The Union Center Church was organized in the Pleasant View schoolhouse, in 1896, by Rev. A. Cauldwell. This class was later united with a class organized at the Beaver schoolhouse, the two societies constituting the Union Center Church. This organization was effected under the pastoral labors of Rev. J. H. Elder.

The following is a list of the charter members of Union Center Church: Anna Jolly, Stella Conner, Sarah Conner, Ed. Barricklow, Mary Barricklow, Lydia Oiler, John Ingersoll, Charles Duke, Cecil Duke, Jennie Duke, Rosa Beck, Ida Beck, Emma Teal, Solomon Cooper, Charles Miller, George Parker, Mary Parker, Lima Parker, Lola Miller, Maggie Cronk, Noble Hendricks, Effa Parker, C. H. Grimer, Verna Butt, Vera Butt, Ralph Butt, Elsie Lightle, Belle Hendricks, Clara Harshbarger, Bell Beaver, Henry Beaver, Anna Myer, Dory Cronk, William Cronk, Allen Cronk, J. S. Crowder, Emma Crowder, Elijah Crowder, Pearl Crowder, Bert Payner, Almedia Payner, Lewis Starnes, Charles Parker, William Clemons, Nellie McLann, Pearl Weaver, Wiley Crowder, Grover Crowder, Lora Ellis, Phoebe Weaver, and Freeman Cronk.

BOWERS CHURCH

Bowers Class was organized in the spring of 1896 by Rev. James S. Carmack on the Clarks Hill Circuit with the following charter members: Belle Rodgers, Alice McDaniel, Ebenezer Riley, Laura Bundy, Fannie Gordon, James Kirk, Bell Kirk, Lula Kirk, Louise Kirk, Margaret Simpson, Sarah Wandell, Frank Kirk, Susan Kirk, John McDaniel, Flora McDaniel, Nathan Lewis, Louise Lewis,

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Rettie Lewis, Jacob Lewis, John Hutchinson, and Sirilda Hutchinson.

The first class officers were John McDaniel, leader, and John Hutchinson, steward.

The frame church at Bowers, Sugar Creek Township, Montgomery County, Indiana, was erected in the year of 1896, through the labors of Rev. James S. Carmack, by the following trustees: Robert Turner, James S. Carmack, and James Kirk, at a cost of two thousand six hundred dollars, and was dedicated by A. J. Newgent, August 24, 1896.

FOUNTAIN COUNTY

The Church of the United Brethren in Christ was planted in Fountain County, Indiana, in the year of 1827. Thus it is understood that it was one of the first religious denominations to plant the standard of the Cross in that county. The fact that the United Brethren Church at the present time has twelve churches with about seventeen hundred members in this county gives evidence of the advantages of an early beginning.

It has already been stated in this volume, that the Church was established in this part of the country by emigrants who came first from Pennsylvania to Ohio, and later to this county. In the fall of 1826 Margaret Brown Hoobler, widow of Jacob Hoobler, with her seven children including her eldest son John Hoobler, and his wife, removed from Taylor's Creek, near Cincinnati, Ohio, and settled about two miles east of where the city of Veedersburg is now located. Margaret Hoobler had such great interest in the United Brethren Church, that she remembered it in all of her plans. Her son John Hoobler although only a young man had been licensed to preach, and at once entered upon the active work of the ministry, in this frontier country. During this year of 1827 he organized the United Brethren Classes, at Coal Creek (Veedersburg), Lopps Prairie (Castle Church), and the Bonebrake Class, from which the New Century Church had its beginning.

His mother Margaret Hoobler was a living example of what one woman can do when fully consecrated to God. Her long life of more than eighty-one years was full of good works, and her tomb in

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Cold Springs Cemetery, two miles northeast of Veedersburg, is a sacred shrine where hundreds of United Brethren are willing to make pilgrimages to honor the heroic deeds, and holy life of this mother of Israel.

VEEDERSBURG CHURCH

The beginning of this church was the organization of the Coal Creek Class, by Rev. John Hoobler, in the vicinity of Chambersburg, now a suburb of Veedersburg, Indiana, in the month of May, 1827. The class consisted of seventeen charter members composed of Margaret Brown Hoobler, John Hoobler, Rebecca Hoobler, William Hoobler, George Hoobler, Michael Hoobler, Frederick Zeigler, Elizabeth Hoobler Zeigler, Mary Hoobler, Peter Briner, Catharine Hoobler Briner, Peter Brown, Susanna Brown, John Houts, Catharine Houts, Adam Hetzler, and Eliza Hetzler.

Preaching services were held for eleven years two miles east of Veedersburg, in the house of Margaret Hoobler. This class erected a log church in 1838 in the old town of Chambersburg, now the northeastern suburb of the city of Veedersburg. This log church was used twelve years for worship. The trustees were William Hoobler, John Walker, and James Lucas. In the year of 1850 the log meeting-house was moved away, and a large commodious frame church, worth about fourteen hundred dollars was erected on the same site, in which the United Brethren held services for about twenty-five years.

In 1881 a splendid brick church was erected on North Main Street in Veedersburg, at a cost of six thousand dollars, under the pastorate of Rev. T. O. Beatty, by the following trustees; namely, William Hoobler, T. O. Beatty and Jacob Dice. This church was occupied until 1917 when the elegant brick church edifice at the corner of Mill and Second streets, one square west of the business center of the city of Veedersburg, was erected at a cost of forty thousand dollars. About the same time a fine parsonage was added to this church property at a cost of five thousand dollars, thus aggregating a total value of forty-five thousand dollars in church property. The following board of trustees served during the erection of this church; namely, William H. McCord, president, William

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S. Jackson, secretary and treasurer, Frank Dickey, Elizabeth Watt, Mary E. Bonebrake, Oliver P. Cooper, David S. Cade, Smith Remster, and Edward Patton.

CASTLE CHURCH

The Castle Church, first called the Brown Class, was organized at John Lopp's on Lopp's Prairie near the site of the Castle Church in Shawnee Township, Fountain County, Indiana, by Rev. John Hoobler in the summer of 1827, with the following charter members: John Lopp, Mary Lopp, Andrew Lopp, Simon Brown, Nancy Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Catharine Brown, Sally Brown, William Brown, Mary Brown, Jacob Brown, Susanna Brown, Jacob Houts, Catharine Houts, George Dunkelberger, Margaret Dunkelberger, Daniel Peck, and Cynthia Peck.

In 1828 Miami Conference sent Rev. Jacob Mahan to Wabash Circuit, of which Brown Class was a part. He held the Lopp's Prairie camp-meeting, having many conversions. He took sick and died in January 1829. The Brown Class worshiped in private houses until 1851. From 1852 until 1875 they worshiped in Brown Chapel at the cemetery. The twenty-first session of Wabash Conference was held at Brown Chapel in 1854. The Castle Church in Shawnee Township was built in 1878 by Benjamin Brown, Cyrus Brown, and Jacob Houts at a cost of thirty-five hundred dollars.

ATTICA CHURCH

The Attica Church in the city of Attica, Fountain County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. S. Stackhouse in the year of 1890, with the following charter members: George Newton, Ada Newton, Harrison Hart, Isabel Hart, Joshua Garner, Sarah Garner, Roy Garner, Jane Garner, Thomas Noble, Mary Noble, Sallie Orton, Letitia Sherrill, John W. Whicker, and Albert S. Peacock. The first frame church building was purchased, and moved to the present church site, South Perry Street, in Attica, Fountain County, Indiana, under the pastorate of Rev. Thomas C. Poyner by Harrison Hart, Albert S. Peacock and John W. Whicker, board of trustees, at a cost of twenty-four hundred dollars.

The present frame church house was erected on the old church site in Attica, under the pastorate of Rev. C. A. Dwyer, in the year of 1902, by Harrison Hart, Albert S. Peacock, and John W. Whicker, trustees, at a cost of twenty-eight hundred dollars.

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CATES CHURCH

Cates Church was organized in 1875. A frame church was built at Beech Grove, one mile east of Cates, by Rev. Hiram Elwell, with the following charter members: John W. Lindley, Sarah E. Lindley, Mary Lindley, William Lindley, Nancy Lindley, Michael Watt, Ellen Lindley Watt, Andrew Marshall, Mellisse Marshall. These members were formerly members of the Harveysburg Church which had been disbanded. The first class officers were John W. Lindley, class leader, and William Lindley, class steward. The trustees were John W. Lindley, William Lindley, and Michael Watt.

The present Cates Church was erected in the year of 1912 under the pastorate of John L. Higgenbotham, at a cost of four thousand dollars, and was dedicated by Rev. W. R. Funk, D.D., September 29, 1912. The following persons were the trustees: Enoch Robbins, president, George Pavey, secretary-treasurer, Milton Lindley, Pryor Holland, Calvin L. Jones, Allen Pavey, John Dodson, Harvey Foster, and Joseph Starkey.

COAL CREEK CHURCH

Coal Creek Class was organized by Rev. John Tague in 1886 with the following charter members: Riley Richardson, Melissa Richardson, Edna Richardson Winters, Emma Richardson Abernathy, Iola Pascal Davis, Lottie Hathaway, William Richardson, Jane Keller, Edith Richardson, and Phoebe Orrhood. The Coal Creek United Brethren Church was erected in 1896 and dedicated August, 1896, by Rev. A. J. Newgent, under the pastorate of Rev. John Rosenbarger, at a cost of three thousand dollars, with the following trustees: Riley Richardson, James Elwell, and Elmer Snyder.

CAMPBELL CHURCH

The class at Campbell's Chapel situated in the northeast corner of VanBuren Township, Fountain County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. J. S. Cooper in the spring of 1893 with the following charter members: John W. Campbell, Geneva Campbell, Jane Murdock, Julius Hurshaw, Mary E. Hurshaw, Katie Danforth, Thomas French, Nancy French, John Campbell, Hattie Campbell, Mary Nine, and Agnes Briner McKee. The Campbell Chapel was erected under the pastorate of Rev. J. W. Nye, in 1892, at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars, by the following board of trustees; namely, Richard Miller, Samuel Gore, and Charles McKnight.

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CENTENNIAL CHURCH

Centennial Church first called Myers Class was organized at the house of Abraham Myers on Scott's Prairie, Millcreek Township, Fountain County, Indiana, by Rev. John Hoobler in the year of 1837, with the following charter members: George Redenbaugh, (soldier of the War of 1812), Margaret Redenbaugh, Abraham Myers, Catharine Myers, David Simmons, Margaret Simmons, John VanGundy, Anna Maria VanGundy, Delilah Redenbaugh, Magdalena Saltgiver, William Myers, Sarah Myers, Jonathan Wolf, and Polly Wolf. This class worshiped in the dwelling houses of the members until 1843, after which they worshiped in a schoolhouse for twenty-eight years. In 1871 a church house was built at a cost of twelve hundred dollars. The house burned down in February 1876. The name of the class was changed to that of Centennial, it being the one hundredth year of American Independence. They erected the Centennial Church that year at a cost of twenty-two hundred dollars.

COOPER'S CHURCH

The Cooper's Church in Fountain County, Indiana, had its beginning through the labors of Rev. Frank E. Rounds. The class was organized in the year of 1903, under the pastorate of Rev. William Vail, with the following charter members: Morris Vandom, Dora Vandom, Lula Vandom, Joseph B. Bybee, Mary Bybee, Gertrude Bodine, Lora Babb, Ed. Greenley, Nina Greenley, and Florence Richardson. Cooper's Chapel was erected in 1905, by Joseph B. Bybee, Ed. Greenley and John Fulton, board of trustees, at a cost of fourteen hundred dollars.

HARVEYSBURG CHURCH

Harveysburg Church, first called Corey Class, was organized in 1844, by Rev. Jacob Waymire, with the following charter members: John Mayhew, Lavina Mayhew, Levi Johnson, Jane Johnson, Jacob Teegarden, Jerusha Teegarden, Joseph Sines, Mary Sines, Amariah Elwell, Carolina Elwell, William Newman, and Christena Newman. Joseph Sines was class leader, and Jacob Teegarden, class steward. Ira Mater and James Griffith were among the early preachers. The class changed its meeting place to Harveysburg in Mill Creek Township, Fountain County, in 1847. The class worshiped in dwellings and the schoolhouse the first twenty years. The Harveysburg church house was built in the year of 1870 by John P.

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Ephlin, Andrew Marshall, James Ratcliff, John Marshall, and Philip Weaver, board of trustees, and was dedicated by Bishop David Edwards.

KINGMAN CHURCH

Kingman Church was organized under the pastorate of Rev. B. B. Phelps, in the year of 1894, with the following charter members: Henry Jones, Nancy J. Jones, John W. Lindley, Martha Lindley, Joseph Wilkey, Mary Wilkey, Sarah Wolfe, Caroline Sweesy, Emmaline Dark, Jacob McGinnis, and Alice McGinnis. The church house was built in the year of 1895 at a cost of three thousand dollars, under the pastorate of Rev. John H. Elder, with the following board of trustees: John W. Lindley, Henry S. Jones, and Jacob McGinnis. One hundred and seventy-five dollars of the cost of the building was procured from the sale of the old United Brethren Church at Harveysburg.

NEW CENTURY CHURCH

The New Century United Brethren Church had its beginning in the organization of the Bonebrake Class about two miles east of its present location, in Van Buren Townsnip, Fountain County, Indiana, in the month of September, 1827, by Rev. John Hoobler, who had been appointed preacher in charge of Coal Creek Circuit. Thus the society was organized in the name of Bonebrake Class with twelve charter members, consisting of John M. Bonebrake, Sr., Mary Bonebrake, Adam Bonebrake, Elizabeth Bonebrake, Jacob Bonebrake, Sarah Bonebrake, David Bonebrake, Catharine Bonebrake, John Dice, Elizabeth Dice, and Father and Mother Baker.

The name of the circuit is spelled C-o-l-e Creek in accord with the spelling found in the old conference records, which is now spelled C-o-a-l Creek by the present day writers. This church organization taken in its complete and continuous history has the rare distinction of having been successively an integral part of five annual conferences, as follows: First, Miami Conference, three years, from 1827 to 1830; Second, Indiana Conference, five years, from 1830 to 1835; Third, Wabash Conference, twenty-three years, from 1835 until 1858; Fourth, Upper Wabash Conference, fifty-one years, from 1858 until 1909, and Fifth, White River Conference, sixteen years, from 1909 until 1925.

The Bonebrake Class worshiped in the homes of the members for about twenty years. In 1849 the brick church house known as Bonebrake Chapel was erected on a site about two miles east of the

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New Century Church at a probable cost of twelve hundred dollars. In this chapel this United Brethren Society held services in the last half of the nineteenth century. In the cemetery nearby the charter members as well as many others were tenderly laid to rest to await the resurrection of the dead.

In the year of 1900 the regular services in the old brick church was discontinued and the large and prosperous society erected the convenient and elegant New Century church house, about three miles south of Veedersburg, in Van Buren Township, at a cost of twenty-five hundred dollars, with Freeman Dice, William Dice, and Harley Hershberger as the board of trustees.

RIVERSIDE CHURCH

The Riverside United Brethren Class near Attica, Indiana, was organized in 1896, by Rev. D. C. Warren, with the following charter members: John Morgan, Marion Morgan, Isaac N. Whitley, M. S. Whitley, Mary Shultz, William H. Cain, Harriett Cain, and William Fisher. In the year of 1897 under the pastoral labors of Rev. G. Smith the church house was built at a cost of twelve hundred dollars. The Riverside Church was rebuilt in the year of 1919 by the trustees; namely, John Morgan, president; Mary Shultz, secretary; William H. Cain, treasurer; William Fisher and Isaac N. Whitley, at a cost of forty-five hundred dollars. The work began under the pastoral labors of Rev. T. B. Kelsey, and was completed by Rev. John A. Settle.

STONE BLUFF CHURCH

The Stone Bluff Class was organized in 1860. Joseph Graves was among the first preachers placed on the charge. The following are the charter members: John Morris, Samuel Morgan, Tabitha Morgan, Peter Stevens, John Markham, and Francis Markham. The class worshiped in the Birch's corner schoolhouse the first twenty years, one-half mile east of Stone Bluff. In the year of 1880 the Stone Bluff Church was built at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars, under the pastorate of Rev. T. O. Beatty.

The trustees were George Dice, Samuel Morgan, and John Simpson.

In the year of 1918 the church was remodeled at a cost of five thousand dollars, making an edifice at a value of $6,500 under the pastorate of Rev. H. A. Bogard, with the following trustees, Hiram Jones, James Sutton, William B. Stone, John Smith, and Charles Mallett.

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WABASH CHURCH

About 1865 Joseph A. Cooper began to preach at the Bluff schoolhouse, Wabash Township, Fountain County, Indiana, and so continued until the organization of the Wabash Class by Rev. Joseph R. Scott in the year of 1870, with the following charter members: Isaac Lusader, Perry Timmons, Malinda Timmons, Harriet Sapp, Mary Fisher, Jesse Martin, Anna Martin, Ann Weaver, William H. Holland, Nancy J. Holland, John Ramser, Jane Timmons, Malinda VanHook, Nancy J. Yerkes, Harriet Groves, Martha Yerkes, John Parks, Joseph A. Shaw, and Lizzie Shaw.

The Wabash Chapel was erected at a cost of three thousand dollars and was dedicated July 18, 1881, by Presiding Elder, J. W. Nye, assisted by Rev. A. J. Newgent, with Rev. Frank E. Penny, pastor in charge. The following board of trustees served at the time of the erection of the Wabash Chapel: John Ramser, John Rhoades, Joseph Augustus Shaw, Allen Yerkes, and Henry Holland. The first class officers were: John Rhoades, class leader, and Perry Timmons, class steward.

The members present at the dedication of the new church were as follows: Henry Holland, Joseph A. Shaw, Leonard Oliver, Nancy Holland, Martha Yerkes, Lizzie Shaw, Harriett Sapp, Mary Fisher. Visitors from Perrysville, were Fannie Penny, Francis Bradburn, Belle Humphrey, and Burnet Jacobs. Local visitors were, Grandma Yerkes, Serena Yerkes, James Alexander, and Charles Casteel.

WARREN COUNTY

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH

Independence Church was organized in 1840, by Rev. James Griffith, pastor of Pine Creek Circuit, with the following charter members: Daniel Tolbert, Martha Tolbert, Joseph Doty, Catharine Doty, Jacob Waymire, and Mary Waymire.

The United Brethren Church at Independence was built in 1849 under the pastorate of Rev. William M. Jones of Pine Creek Circuit, and remodeled in 1915, by the following board of trustees: Hiram Nichols, Alexander Waymire, and Marshal Townsley.

The present church house is valued at five thousand dollars. The parsonage has a value of about two thousand dollars.

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CHAPTER X

TERRE HAUTE DISTRICT

VIGO COUNTY

BLACK HAWK CHURCH

Black Hawk Church was organized about 1857 by Rev. Samuel Stark with the following charter members: Delila Edmondson, Columbus L. Edmondson, Wallace Denton, Mary Ann Denton, Henry Tool, Susan Tool, Jesse Tryon, Harriet Tryon, Jerry Tryon, Robert Biggs, Susan Biggs, Abraham Larm, Sarah Larm, Ruth Wilson, Thomas Guisinger, and Paul K. Welch. About 1862 a log church house was built by the United Brethren at Black Hawk, Vigo County, Indiana.

The present church was erected in 1875 at a cost of one thousand five hundred dollars, under the pastorate of Rev. R. L. Brengle, by the following trustees: Wallace Denton, Columbus L. Edmondson, and Paul K. Welch.

FARMERS CHURCH

The Farmers Class was organized in the house of John Owen about one mile southeast of the present site of the Farmers Chapel, in 1866, in Honey Creek Township, Vigo County, Indiana, with the following charter members: John Ryman, Sarah Ryman, Jeremiah Haworth, Rebecca Haworth, Isaiah Adams, William Yeager, Nancy Yeager, Tilden Haworth, Minerva Haworth, John Owens, Phoebe A. Owens, Jane Cruse, Alexander Moore, Ellen Moore, Washington Hess, Malinda Hess, George Berkebele, Daniel Miller, George Boyll, Clinton Boyll, David Boyll, Hiram Sparks, Lura Sparks, Joseph Adams, and Jane Adams. Jeremiah Haworth was class leader, and Samuel Haworth organized the church. Ira Mater was among the first pastors.

The frame church was built near the Owen homestead about 1870 with Samuel Haworth, pastor, and John Owen, John Ryman, and Alexander Moore, trustees. This church house was moved to the present location in 1875. The new brick church edifice was erected in 1919 at a cost of eighteen thousand dollars, with J. L. Brandenburg, pastor, and George Stout, Charles Harlan, and Hermon Harlan, board of trustees.

OAK HILL CHURCH

The Oak Hill Church was first organized at the Grimes schoolhouse, Vigo County, Indiana, two miles south of its present location, about the year of 1880 by Rev. Thomas Buck, a local preacher.

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This organization was an outgrowth of a Sunday school at Grimes schoolhouse, superintended by Alexander Rodgers, who afterward was killed in a cyclone at Terre Haute in 1913. The charter members of this church were: Thomas Buck, Alexander Rodgers, Sarah Rodgers, John Moseman, Mary Moseman, William Clingerman, Laura Clingerman, Charles Rector, Phoebe Rector, Vernon Thompson, Mollie Thompson, Willard Thompson, Arletta Thompson, Walter Rhoades, Lottie Rhoades, Nathaniel Donhan, Alma Donhan, David Close, Martha Close, Nancy McIntosh, Viola Fox, James Tucker, Minnie Tucker, Henry Lee, Nancy Lee, Nina Lee, and Caroline Ecret.

This class was a part of the Lockport Mission, and the services were held at Grimes schoolhouse until 1896, when a church building enterprise was founded by Rev. J. F. Fowler, resulting in the selection of the Oak Hill Cemetery site for the location of the new church. The church was a frame structure, and was dedicated June 6, 1897, by Bishop Castle at a cost of about one thousand two hundred dollars. The following were the board of trustees: Christopher Fox, David Wallace, William Clingerman, Charles Rector, and John Moseman.

The new church edifice was erected on the foundation of the old church under the pastorate of Rev. Vernon B. Goss, at a cost of seven thousand five hundred dollars, and was dedicated by Rev. J. B. Parsons, November 20, 1921, with the following board of trustees: Calvin Houk, Everett Fox, Robert Clingerman, Alonzo Roberts, and William Armstrong.

PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH

Pleasant Valley Church, Prairieton Circuit, was organized about the year of 1865 at the Battlerow schoolhouse three quarters of a mile south of the village of Vigo, Vigo County, Indiana. Services were held in this schoolhouse at irregular intervals until about the year of 1883, when the schoolhouse was moved to the Fort Harrison and Vincennes Road, near Lykens Cemetery, where it was improvised into a church with Cornelius Albee, Charles Clark and William Eaton, trustees. The following is a list of the charter members: Sarah Clark, James Strain, Catharine Strain, Mary Jane Wilson, Martha Wilson, Tobias Little, Jane Little, Elizabeth Brown, Susanna Brown, David Killion, William Killion, Mary Buchannon, Nancy Stranahan, Cornelius Albee, Margaret Albee, Charles Clark, Lottie Clark, Sarah Myers, and Susan Eaton. The class was

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organized by Rev. Thomas Guisinger. The new Pleasant Valley Church was erected at Vigo, in Vigo County, Indiana, under the pastorate of Rev. S. E. Long in the year of 1895 at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars by Seth Clark, Emanuel Clark, and Micajah Collins, trustees.

SHADY GROVE CHURCH

Shady Grove Class was organized in 1867 by Rev. A. J. Newgent and A. Moore. The following were charter members: John Copeland, Francis Copeland, Burr Hendrickson, Sarah Hendrickson, Moore McIntosh, Rebecca McIntosh, Harvey Allen, Jacob Taylor, Elanor Taylor, Richard Copeland, Ellen Copeland, Henry Copeland, and Anna Copeland. The first church house was erected in 1867. by trustees John Copeland, Burr Hendrickson, and Richard Copeland, at a cost of eight hundred dollars.

The present church house was erected in 1887 by Rev. Alfred Shidler, at a cost of one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, by the following board of trustees: John A. Peters, Samuel P. Miller, and Thomas Taylor.

NEW GOSHEN CHURCH

The New Goshen Church, at New Goshen, Fayette Township, Vigo County, Indiana, was organized by Rev. John P. Shuey, pastor of Clinton Circuit, Wabash Conference, in 1842, with the following charter members: Henry Rhyan, Peggy Rhyan, John Burtner, Sarah Burtner, Noah Minnich, Mary Minnich, John Funkhouser, Polly Funkhouser, John Strohl, Betsy Strohl, Simeon Strohl, Jane Strohl, Daniel Shirley, Sr., Betsey Shirley, Daniel R. Shirley, Sarah Shirley, William Fawcett, Jacob Whitesell, Susan Whitesell, and Sallie Whitesell.

The first frame church was erected under the pastorate of Rev. John Burtner in 1855 by Henry Rhyan, John Burtner, and John Strohl, trustees, at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars. A brick church was erected in 1880 by trustees John Strohl, John Koontz, Joseph Foltz, Green B. Owens, and Noah J. Minnich, at a cost of four thousand dollars, under the pastorate of Rev. Josiah Shuey.

TERRE HAUTE, FIRST CHURCH

Terre Haute, First Church, was organized by Rev. W. M. Givens, in the year of 1865 with the following charter members: Jacob Brown, Salvina Brown, Arminda O. Shepherd, Parker Milligan, Rebecca Milligan, Charles H. Mason, Emily Mason, Lydia

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Peabody, George Anderson, Ann Anderson, John Irvin, Nettie Fortune, Nathaniel Cheek, Minerva Cheek, James F. McCandless, and Caroline T. McCandless.

The first house of worship was a frame structure erected at the corner of Chestnut and Fourteenth streets in the year of 1867 at a cost of two thousand five hundred dollars, under the pastorate of Rev. Hiram Elwell, with the following trustees: Jacob Brown, Salvina Brown, Parker Milligan, John Ervin, and James N. Shepherd. This frame church was used for worship about twenty-seven years, when it was moved away, and in 1893 a new brick church was erected on the same site at a cost of twelve thousand dollars, under the pastorate of Rev. Joseph B. Connett, with the following board of trustees: John N. Shepherd, Elijah Brewer, Nathan Cheek, Thomas Ropp, and Philip Inlow.

This second church building of the First Church congregation had been used about twenty-four years when this society proceeded to erect the present church edifice. In 1918 the Rev. L. O. Blake, pastor, launched the important enterprise of the construction of this fine church edifice on the old site which was completed in that year at a cost of sixty-eight thousand dollars, with the following trustees: W. E. Williams, Frank Huffman, Marshall Williams, Frank H. Reagen, D. M. Johnson, F. A. Gowe, and Charles T. Washburn. A splendid parsonage has been erected, adjoining the church, having a value of six thousand dollars.

TERRE HAUTE, BARBOUR AVENUE CHURCH

Barbour Avenue Church was organized in 1896 by Rev. J. L. Brandenburg, under the pastorate of Rev. E. H. Shuey, with the following charter members: Phoebe Bevis, Thomas Brentlinger, Clerinda Brentlinger, J. M. Curtis, Mary Curtis, Charles B. Dorsey, Sarah Fortune, Truman King, Ada King, Benjamin King, Nancy King, James W. Lashbrook, Julia Lashbrook, Andrew Lashbrook, Herbert Lashbrook, Flora Nipple, George Nipple, Phoebe Nipple, Thomas Rutherford, Eliza Rutherford, Myrtle Rutherford, Clarence Whited, Hattie Whited, Robert Speer, Rev. T. E. Foreman, Lillie Foreman, Mary Sears, Harmon G. Wilson, Lythia Wilson, William Wilson, Bert Washburn, Jerusha Washburn, and Tena Washburn.

The Barbour Avenue Church erected its first church house under the name of Calvary Mission in the year of 1896. This congregation later proceeded with the erection of a new church house by the name of Terre Haute, Second Church, under the

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pastorate of Rev. Philip F. Kettring, at a cost of five hundred dollars, and an extension was built in 1903, at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars, and in 1907 it was further improved by an addition costing two thousand seven hundred dollars, making a total of forty-seven hundred dollars, by the following trustees: Charles V. Dorsey, Eliza Rutherford, James M. Curtis, George T. Nipple, and Clarence Whited.

The construction of the Barbour Avenue Church was begun under the pastorate of Rev. J. A. Bray, in the year of 1914, by the building of the basement at a cost of five thousand dollars, and the church building was erected under the pastorate of Rev. C. I. Roush in 1918 at a cost of forty thousand dollars, making an aggregate cost of forty-five thousand dollars. The trustees were: Ora O. Andrews, Edward Lashbrook, Cory Detrick, Raymond L. Bevis, Charles E. Dorsey, James M. Curtis, Thomas Bell, and Calvin Stantz. The parsonage was dedicated December, 1921, under the pastorate of Rev. E. T. Aldrich, at a cost of five thousand dollars.

TERRE HAUTE, BREDEN MEMORIAL CHURCH

Terre Haute, Third Church, was organized in the spring of 1899, by Rev. W. R. Muncie. Mrs. Jemima Jones, or Mother Jones as she was called, was the first class leader. A Ladies' Aid Society was formed about the same time with Miss Bell Fagg, and Mrs. Catharine Muller, and Mrs. Jemima Jones, as the chief workers. The charter members were: Jemima Jones, Catharine Muller, George Fagg, Bell Fagg, Thomas Grounds, L. J. Maurer, Alexander Rogers, Lavina Maurer, and Lucinda Rogers.

The same year that the class was organized a lot was purchased on the corner of Third and Grant streets in the southern part of Terre Haute, where a frame church, thirty by forty feet was erected in the year of 1900, and was dedicated by Dr. W. M. Weekley, Church Erection secretary. The following brethren served as trustees: John Hanie, Dock Boyd, George Fagg, and L. J. Maurer. In the year of 1908 the church was enlarged at a cost of one thousand dollars.

The name of the church was changed in August, 1920, from that of Terre Haute, Third Church, to that of Breden Memorial Church, and Rev. J. A. Bray was appointed to the pastorate. Through his efforts, assisted by the local trustees of the church, a lot eighty-seven and one-half feet by one hundred forty-two feet was purchased on

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the northeast corner of Seventh and Morton streets, at a cost of three thousand dollars. This move led to the relocation of this church.

The Breden Memorial Church was erected at the northeast corner of Seventh and Morton streets, Terre Haute, Indiana, April, 1923, under the pastorate of Rev. J. A. Bray, and completed in April, 1924, under the pastorate of Rev. W. A. Settle, at a cost of sixty thousand dollars by Otto Mars, Everett L. Liffick, Jason Sullivan, Wesley Austin, Charles Carithers, Bertis Long, and Harry Stevens, trustees. The church was dedicated April 27, 1824, by Rev. J. B. Parsons, D.D.

The Breden Memorial parsonage was purchased in September, 1923, under the pastorate of Rev. J. A. Bray, at a cost of three thousand dollars, by the above named board of trustees.

TERRE HAUTE, FORT HARRISON CHURCH

Fort Harrison Class was organized by Rev. C. I. Roush in the year of 1918, in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana, with the following charter members: Theodore Jumper, Clara Jumper, Ira Study, Hattie Study, Lou Hudson, Albert Hinson, Mary Hinson, Ella Martin, Lawrence Martin, George Judy and Mary Judy. The following were the board of trustees: Thomas Jumper, John Hudson, Ira Study, Albert Hinson, and George Study, who purchased the church house in the year of 1919, at a cost of one thousand dollars. The first class leader was Lou Hudson, and class steward, Hattie Study.

TERRE HAUTE, MARION HEIGHTS CHURCH

The Marion Heights Church was organized at Marion Heights, West Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana, under the direction of Rev. W. H. Todd, in July, 1923, and the organization was completed in the autumn of 1923, by Rev. E. L. Emmert, pastor with the following charter members: Thomas Fennel, Edith Fennel, Ernest Ault, Hazel Ault, Mary E. Akers, Myrtle Akers, Mae Akers, Thelma Akers, Hattie Gibson, Helen Bridgewater, Eva Bridgewater, Gussie Elkins, Dorothy Clapp, Ernest Keith, Hazel Keith, Diantha Keith, Bessie Bailey, Perry Houser, Mattie Houser, James Gibson, Lena Black, Lucile Goss, Blanche Waldon, Lucile Waldon, Myrtle Worrel, Helen Stark, Hazel Vermilion, Ray Ault, Ralph Akers, Mary Akers, Ancel Akers, Eva Stark, Wayne Clark, Paul Elkins, Sidney Gooding, Charlotte Wheatfield, James Wheatfield,

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Kenneth Wheatfield, Lucile Bridgewater, Ruth Bridgewater, Dorothy Bowen, Mabel Alisburger, Ford Elkins, Audrey Freed, Muriel Houser, Ivah Rector, Jennie Rector, John Stark, Peter Stark, Opal Barns, Mildred Campbell, Frances Keith, Albert Kellett, Imogene Davis, and Lorena Watson.

The Marion Heights church house in Vigo County, Indiana, was purchased by James Collins, Thomas Fennel and Ernest Keith, board of trustees, in July, 1923, at a cost of one thousand five hundred dollars, including purchase price and repairs.

TERRE HAUTE, SECOND AVENUE CHURCH

This church was started, with the organization of a Sunday school at the corner of Twenty-Fourth Street and Fourth Avenue in the year of 1903. The conference of 1904 constituted the Second Avenue charge, and appointed Rev. J. L. Brandenburg to the pastorate, who proceeded at once to organize a class composed of the following charter members: William D. Fulk, Martha Fulk, T. N. Decker, Cora Decker, Etta Luck, Ervin Ford, C. W. Lutes, Lena Lutes, and Margaret Gresham.

The church house was erected in the name of Terre Haute, Fourth Church, and was built at the corner of Twenty-Third and Second Avenue, in the year of 1905, at a cost of one thousand two hundred dollars, with the following board of trustees: Philip F. Kettring, J. L. Brandenburg, and A. Rogers.

The old church house was replaced with a new concrete stone church named, Terre Haute, Second Avenue Church in the year of 1910, at a cost of five thousand dollars under the pastorate of Rev. W. H. Halberstadt, by the following board of trustees; namely, Edwin Kyle, E. J. Collins, William Fulk, L. Blenholtz and D. Reynolds.

TERRE HAUTE, TABERNACLE CHURCH

The Tabernacle Church of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana, was organized in October, 1922, by Rev. William H. Todd, pastor of First Church, Terre Haute, with the following charter members: Charles Masters, Charlet Masters, Geneva Matthews, Sarah Walters, Morris Roberts, George E. Rairdon, Cora A. Rairdon, Ernest Nicholas, Nellie Forsythe, Elmer Forsythe, Clarence Crooks, Herman Hage, Lydia Ray, Lula McDaniel, Nan Hill, Martha Stryker, Harriet Caylor, William Caylor, Ruth Stryker, Mary A. Forsythe, Roy Roberts, James Helton, Albert Hage, Charles Purcell,

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William Wehrung, Minnie McDaniel, Irene Parish, Fern Van Deventer, Easter May Lane, Ezra Helton, Lula Smith, Sherman Van Deventer, Bessie Van Deventer, Stella Pierce, Mary Eppert, Mary Pearce, Roy Payne, Rose Payne, Bessie James, Thelma Summers, Dorothy Van Deventer, Marie Robertson, and Thelma Shaw.

The church lot at the corner of Twenty-fifth and Deming streets in Terre Haute, Indiana, was purchased in 1923, and in the summer of 1924, the tabernacle was erected thereon, under the pastorate of Rev. William H. Todd, by W. E. Williams, Irvin Ford, and William H. Todd, board of trustees, at a cost of four thousand five hundred dollars for the lot and tabernacle.

TERRE HAUTE, WEST SIDE CHURCH
(West Terre Haute Church)

The West Terre Haute Church was organized at the corner of Sixth Street and National Road, by Rev. J. L. Brandenburg, in a blacksmith's shop, in the year of 1905, with the following charter members: Reuben Wheeling, Lula Wheeling, Earnest Ramsey, Margaret Ramsey, Aaron Craft, Lizzie Craft, Mary Jenkins, Alec Collins, Joseph Campbell, Belle Campbell, Lucy Hursh, Esther Hursh, William Minnich and Clara Minnich. William Minnich was the class leader. The church was erected at the corner of Sixth and Poplar streets, and was dedicated in 1909 at a cost of one thousand dollars, under the pastorate of Rev. J. L. Maurer, by the following board of trustees: Aaron Craft, Joseph Campbell, and Jacob Evans.

TERRE HAUTE CIRCUIT

NEW VERMILION CHURCH

The New Vermilion Class was organized at Bolton schoolhouse, Fayette Township, Vigo County, Indiana, in March, 1894, by Rev. Jacob Sheets, pastor of New Goshen Circuit, with the following charter members: Martin D. Sites, Martha Sites, Henry Whitezell, Fannie Whitezell, Emma Smith, Delilah Case, Jennie Case, Thomas Vermilion, Sarah Leek and Lydia Greenlee. The first class officers were: Henry Whitezell, class leader, and Thomas Vermilion, class steward.

The church house, a frame building, was erected on the lot in front of the Vermilion Cemetery in Fayette Township, Vigo County,

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Indiana, under the pastorate of Rev. A. D. Markley, pastor of New Goshen Circuit in 1905, by Martin D. Sites, Henry Whitezell, and James Smith, board of trustees, at a cost of one thousand eight hundred dollars.

A new brick church house was erected at New Vermilion in 1924 under the pastorate of Rev. Alfred E. Emmert, by C. H. Holdaway, Martha Sites, and J. D. Landis, board of trustees, at a cost of six thousand dollars.

ROSE HILL CHURCH

The Rose Hill Class, in Fayette Township, Vigo County, Indiana, was organized at the house of Jonathan Whitezell, in the spring of 1848 by Rev. Andrew Wimsett, pastor of Clinton Circuit, Wabash Conference, with the following charter members: Jonathan Whitezell, Mary Whitezell, Charles Eddington, Elizabeth Eddington, Harrison McAdams, Mary McAdams, Ransom Clark, Susanna Clark, Samuel Whitezell, Sarah Whitezell, Dicey Carson, John Petry, Mary Petry, Maria Whitezell Hay, William Whitezell, and Elizabeth Whitezell. The log church was built in the year of 1850 under the pastorate of Rev. S. C. Zuck, pastor of Clinton Circuit, by Jonathan Whitezell, Harrison McAdams, and Charles Eddington, board of trustees.

The present frame church house at Rose Hill was erected in 1867 under the pastorate of Rev. A. J. Newgent, by Daniel Hollingsworth, Harrison McAdams, Ransom Clark, George Spotts, and Daniel H. Whitezell, board of trustees, at a cost of one thousand five hundred dollars. This church was dedicated November 16, 1867, by Rev. Lyman S. Chittendon. Work has been commenced for the erection of a new church house at Rose Hill, which will cost seventeen thousand dollars.

VERMILION COUNTY

BETHLEHEM CHURCH

The Bethlehem Class was organized at the old Wright schoolhouse in Clinton Township, Vermilion County, Indiana, in the year of 1858 by Rev. John Burtner, pastor New Goshen Circuit, with the following charter members: Noah Hedges, Columbus Hedges, Catharine Wright, Sr., Sarah Shaw Hedges, John A. Hay, Mary A. Hay, Abraham Foltz, Mary Probst Foltz, William Hedges, Maria Shaw, Parmelia Shaw Tennis, Geneva Shaw, Riley Shaw, Matilda

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Shaw Ellis, James F. Wright, Marion Wright, Catharine Wright, Jr., Levi Wright, Mary Lenhart, Louis Rhyan, and Sylvanus Rhyan.

The class worshiped in the schoolhouse until the summer of 1868. The frame church was erected in 1869, under the pastorate of Rev. A. J. Newgent of New Goshen Circuit, by William Hedges, Noah Hedges, Columbus Hedges, Henry Rhyan, and Sylvanus Rhyan, board of trustees. The church was dedicated August 8, 1869, by Rev. Samuel Mills. The property was valued at one thousand four hundred dollars.

The present brick church edifice erected on the old site, near the town of Universal, Indiana, was begun during the pastorate of Rev. C. K. Saylor, in the year of 1915, and completed under the pastorate of Rev. H. A. Barton, by the following trustees; namely, Warren Wright, Gurney P. Foltz, and Ray C. Foltz, at a cost of eighteen thousand dollars.

The Bethlehem Church and Sunday school possesses a somewhat cosmopolitan membership, having on the church, or Sunday-school rolls, people of English, Scotch, Irish, German, Belgian, French, Italian, Swedish, and Hungarian descent, all of whom assimilate most agreeably, and give evidence of an excellent spirit of cooperation and good fellowship.

CROSS ROADS CHURCH

The Cross Roads Class in Vermilion County, Indiana, was organized at the Cross Roads, two miles west of Perrysville, Indiana, in 1837, with the following charter members: David Smith, Susan Smith, John Hoobler, Rebecca Hoobler, David Wittenmeyer, and Elizabeth Wittenmeyer. The frame meeting house was erected in 1842, at a cost of twelve hundred dollars. It was used until 1905, after which it was sold to the owner of the adjoining farm, where it is still in use in a good state of preservation.

In 1897, J. M. McHargue and W. P. Noble held a meeting at Cross Roads Church in which fifty persons were converted, and as a result of the meeting, Sister Fulwider, made a consecration to God, which resulted in her giving to the church a farm of over one hundred acres of land, estimated to be worth from ten thousand to twelve thousand dollars.

This Cross Roads Church was the first United Brethren organization in Vermilion County. It was the home church for nearly a score of years of Rev. John Hoobler and family. During the time that he lived in the vicinity of this church he served in the office of presiding elder, and thus it became a sort of headquarters in the

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district over which he had the supervision. As the presiding elder he reports to the Telescope a revival, which was held in this church in January, 1847. During the time of his residence in this neighborhood he held the position of book agent of the United Brethren Publishing House, being authorized by that institution to sell books, and make settlements with the publishing house for the same. While he lived in this community he was chosen representative by the voters of Vermilion County to the Indiana Legislature.

GESSIE CHURCH

The Gessie Class was organized about the year of 1878 by Rev. J. R. Scott, with the following charter members: Catharine Gouty, Elizabeth Gouty, Phoebe Himes, Hugh Fox, and Jane Fox. The Gessie church house was erected in 1880 by Rev. Frank E. Penny, pastor of the Perrysville Circuit, at a cost of one thousand dollars.

HILLSDALE CHURCH

The Hillsdale Church was organized by Rev. F. D. Pugh in the year of 1902 with the following charter members: William Pearson, John Self, George Asbury, Charles F. Bassett, and William Harvey. The church house was erected in 1903 at a cost of one thousand two hundred dollars, by the following board of trustees: William Pearson, John Self, George Asbury, Charles F. Bassett, and William Harvey. This church was remodeled in the year of 1919 at a cost of one thousand four hundred dollars, by the following board of trustees: Chester Lake, John Taylor, William Pearson, Ira Richards, and William Alkire.

A parsonage was purchased in the northern part of the town of Hillsdale in 1922, under the pastorate of Rev. S. I. Hart, at a cost of one thousand dollars. The location is a very attractive one to a lover of natural scenery. The house stands on the west bank of the great Wabash River, so that you can stand in the door yard, and look over the banks of the Wabash, at the broad flowing river, which is spanned by a bridge nearly a quarter of a mile in length.

PERRYSVILLE CHURCH

The Perrysville Class was organized by Rev. S. C. Zuck, about 1855, in Vermilion County, Indiana, and the church house was erected at Perrysville, Indiana, in 1862, at a cost of two thousand five hundred dollars, with the following charter members: David

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Smith, Susan Smith, William Smith, Mary Smith, Robert Jones, James Griffith, Mary Griffith, Nathan Jacobs, Mary Jacobs, and Sarah Hold.

Perrysville Church is one of the churches in White River Conference that is located on the banks of the Wabash River. While John Hoobler held his church membership at Cross Roads Church, his post office address was Perrysville, Indiana.

Perrysville was also the home of that stalwart United Brethren preacher, the Rev. James Griffith. Father Griffith lived in the southern part of the town of Perrysville for many years in the latter part of his life. His leadership in the old Wabash Conference as well as in the Upper Wabash Conference was recognized throughout the church, and even among the people of other religious denominations. Here in a cottage on the west bank of Wabash River he spent his last days, and passed on to the triumphs of that life that he had sought from the days of his young manhood. On the slope of the river a little over a mile, in Perrysville Cemetery, his body sleeps, but his soul clothed in immortality enjoys the companionship of the saints and angels of glory.

Perrysville was long the name of one of the districts of Upper Wabash Conference. It was the pleasure of a number of those faithful toilers in that splendid conference to hear the Bishop in reading the Stationing Committee's report, announce their names in connection with Perrysville District, and quite frequently the presiding elder had his home at Perrysville, Indiana.

SAINT BERNICE CHURCH

Saint Bernice is about as near to the Illinois line as any local church in White River Conference. In less than one and one-half miles you step across from Indiana into Illinois, although it is situated in an area adjacent to the picturesque wooded valley of the Wabash River, it has also taken its position, where the broadcasting breezes from the prairies of Illinois sweep over and about these saintly quarters with full force.

The Saint Bernice Church at Saint Bernice, Helt Township, Vermilion County, Indiana, was organized in the spring of 1851 at the house of James M. Payton, one mile north of Saint Bernice. (The class up to the time of building the church was called the Pleasant Hill Class). The class was organized by Rev. S. C. Zuck, pastor of Clinton Circuit, with the following charter members: James M. Payton, Elizabeth Payton, Charles G. Eaton, Hannah I.

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Eaton, David J. Wolf, Rebecca Wolf, William Andrews, Jane Andrews, John O. Wishard, Abbie Wishard, Amanda J. Nolen, Thomas J. Skidmore, Sarah Ricker Burgess, Henry M. Nolen, Eliza Gerrish Nolen, Hattie Gerrish Marshall, Edward Gerrish, and Lucinda Nichols Newton.

The frame church house at Saint Bernice was erected in the year of 1875, under the pastorate of Rev. J. R. Scott, pastor of Brouiletts Creek Circuit, by the following board of trustees; namely, Charles G. Eaton, David J. Wolf, and William Andrews, at a cost of twenty-two hundred dollars. The house was dedicated November 3, 1875, by Rev. J. W. Nye. The parsonage at Saint Bernice was erected under the pastorate of Rev. William Vail, in the year of 1900 by James P. Hartsook, William Light, and Vachiel F. Houston, at a cost of one thousand two hundred fifty dollars.

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PART FIVE

Stationing Committee's Reports

I

THE appointments to the circuits and missions in the territory within the present limits of White River Annual Conference made by the Miami Conference from 1823 to 1830, when the Indiana Conference was organized.

The dates given were obtained from Lawrence's History, from the minutes of Miami Conference, and memorandum taken from papers and other sources.

The appointments after 1829 were taken from the old Record of Indiana Conference, and from the Conference Minutes published in the Religious Telescope.

The following list of appointments includes the assignments to both the Indiana and White River Conferences.

MIAMI CONFERENCE

(Appointments in Indiana)

1823

(Conference held at Charlestown, Indiana, second Tuesday in August, 1823)

Indiana District—John G. Pfrimmer, P. E.
Corydon Circuit, A. Hiestand.
White Water Circuit, John C. McNamar.

1824

Indiana District—John G. Pfrimmer, P. E.
Corydon Circuit, Abraham Hiestand.
White Water Circuit, John C. McNamar.

1825

Indiana District—Francis Whitcom, P. E.
Corydon, George Bonebrake.
Charlestown, Aaron Farmer.
Orange, Francis Whitcom.
Flat Rock, Joseph Williams, A. Garrison.
White Water, J. Mahan, J. Fetterhoff.

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1826

West District—J. C. McNamar, P. E.
Corydon, George Bonebrake.
Orange, Aaron Farmer.
Tanner's Creek, M. Alsop.
Flat Rock, Joseph Williams, M. Keene.
White Water, D. Bonebrake.
White River, Isaac Cain.

1827

West District—H. Bonebrake, P. E.
Charlestown, M. Alsop
Flat Rock, A. Shildecker.
White River, Isaac Cain.
Orange, Aaron Farmer.
White Water, M. Ballard.

1828

West District—George Bonebrake, P. E.
Flat Rock, Benjamin Abbott.
Orange, Aaron Farmer.
Tanner's Creek, Joseph Williams.
Corydon, H. Bonebrake.
White Water, M. Ballard.
Wabash, Jacob Mahan.

1829

Charlestown District—George Brown, P. E.
Charlestown Circuit, Benjamin Abbott.

Flat Rock District—John Morgan, P. E.
Flat Rock Circuit, D. Thomas.

Orange District—Francis Whitcom, P. E.
Orange Circuit, A. Farmer, A. Stacy.

White Water District—John McNamar, P. E.
White Water Circuit, D. Bonebrake, N. Ross.
Wabash Mission, John Denham.

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II.

Appointments in the State of Indiana from the organization of the Indiana Conference in May, 1830, to the organization of the White River Conference in February, 1846, including the Wabash Conference after 1835—the date of its organization.

INDIANA CONFERENCE

1830

(The first session of the conference was held at Stonecipher meeting-house, Harrison County, Indiana, May 25, 1830)

Eastern District—Francis Whitcom, P. E.
White Water Citir u, Chandler Doud, Obed Nolin.
Tanner's Creek Circuit, John McNamar, William Davis.
Flat Rock Circuit, James Griffith
Charlestown Circuit, Byram Stacey.
Orange Circuit, Frederick Kenoyer.
Corydon Circuit, Crassy D. Key.

Western District—George Brown, P. E.
Coal Creek Circuit, John Hoobler.
Wea Circuit, Josiah Davis.

1831

(Conference held at the house of Margaret Hoobler, Fountain County Indiana, August 30, 1831)

White Water District—John McNamar, P. E.
White Water Circuit, William Davis.
Flat Rock Circuit, Aaron Farmer.
Tanner's Creek Circuit, Josiah Davis

Corydon District—Crassy D. Key, P. E.
Charlestown Circuit, Benjamin Abbott
Corydon Circuit, Abiram Stacey.
Orange Circuit, Frederick Kenoyer.

Wabash District—John Hoobler, P. E.
Coal Creek Circuit, James Griffith.
Wea Circuit, John Hoobler.
Bloomington Mission, John Denham.

1832

(Conference was held at Franklin meeting-house, Franklin County, Indiana, August 28, 1832)

Corydon District—C. D. Key, P. E.
Corydon Circuit, Abiram Stacey.
Charlestown Circuit, M. Abbott.
Washington Circuit, Benjamin Abbott.
Orange Circuit, Abraham Garrison.

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1832

Flat Rock District—John Morgan, P. E.
Flat Rock Circuit, Aaron Farmer.
Rockford Circuit, Aaron Davis.

White Water District—Joseph A. Ball, P. E.
White Water Circuit—Josiah Davis.
(White Water) Franklin Church, John McNamar.
Tanner's Creek Circuit, John G. Eckles.

Wabash District—Francis Whitcom, P. E.
Coal Creek Circuit, Frederick Kenoyer, David Boyden.
Bloomington Circuit, John Denham.
Wea Circuit, James Griffith.

1833

(Conference held at Union meeting-house (now Blue River Church), Shelby County, Indiana, September 5, 1833)

Indiana District—Abiram Stacey, P. E.
White Water Circuit, Aaron Farmer, Timothy L. Garrigus.
Tanner's Creek Circuit, John G. Eckles, Aaron Davis.
Charlestown Circuit, John Lopp, Thomas D. Llewellen.
Corydon Circuit, Mireck Abbott.
Washington Circuit, Joseph McCallen.
Orange Circuit, David Breeding.
Bedford Mission, William Davis.

Wabash District—James Griffith, P. E.
Mackinaw Circuit, John Spradling.
Wea Circuit, James Davis.
Coal Creek, Elijah T. Cook.
St. Joseph Mission, Josiah Davis.
Vermilion Circuit, John Hoobler.

1834

(Conference was held at Davis schoolhouse, Warren County, Indiana, September 9, 1834)

White Water District—Aaron Farmer, P. E.
White Water Circuit, D. Bridges, J. Spradling.

Flat Rock District—John McNamar, P. E.
Indianapolis Circuit, Timothy L. Garrigus, William Eckles.
Tanner's Creek Circuit, Thomas D. Llewellen, D. Breeding.
Flat Rock Circuit, John G. Eckles.
Charlestown Circuit, James P. Eckles.

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Corydon District—J. Lopp, P. E.
Corydon Circuit, H. H. Lynds.
Orange Circuit, William Henry.
Washington Circuit, Jacob Cole.

Wabash District—William Davis, P. E.
St. Joseph Circuit, Elijah T. Cook.
Wea Circuit, James Griffith.
Vermilion Circuit, Josiah Davis.
Bloomington (Illinois), John Denham.

INDIANA CONFERENCE

1835

(Conference was held at Corydon, Indiana, September 1, 1835)

Corydon District—John Lopp. P. E.
Corydon Circuit, James P. Eckles.
Charlestown Circuit, John G. Eckles.
Tanner's Creek Circuit, A. Davis.

Indianapolis District—C. D. Key, P. E.
Indianapolis Circuit, John Spradling.
Washington Circuit, T. D. Llewellen.

Flat Rock District, John McNamar, P. E.
Flat Rock Circuit, William G. Eckles.

White Water District—Joseph A. Ball, P. E.
White Water Circuit, Dillon Bridges.
Fall Creek Circuit, Aaron Farmer.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1835

(Conference was held at Rawlings meeting-house, Parke County, Indiana, September 15, 1835)

Wabash District—William Davis, P. E.
St. Joseph Circuit, James Griffith.
Pine Creek Circuit, William Davis.
Wea Circuit, Elijah T. Cook.
Coal Creek Circuit, James Davis.
Vermilion Circuit, Josiah Davis.

Illinois District—John Denham, P. E.
Mackinaw Circuit, James T. Timmons.

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INDIANA CONFERENCE

1836

(Conference was held at Abington meeting-house, Wayne County, Indiana, September 6, 1836)

Corydon District—John Lopp, P. E.
Corydon Circuit, Thomas D. Llewellen.
Charlestown Circuit, Elias Robertson.
Washington Circuit, William Highfill.

Indianapolis District—T. L. Garrigus, P. E.
Indianapolis Circuit, Wiley Jones.
Flat Rock Circuit, Aaron Farmer.

White Water District—Francis Whitcom, P. E.
White Water Circuit, William Stewart.
Tanner's Creek Circuit, Dillon Bridges.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1836

(Conference was held at the house of William Hoobler, Fountain County, Indiana, on the third Tuesday in September, 1836)

Upper District—Josiah Davis, P. E.
St. Joseph, James Griffith, William Robertson.
Pine Creek, Frederick Kenoyer.
Wea, William Davis.

Lower District—John Hoobler, P. E.
Coal Creek, Elijah T. Cook, William Hoobler.
Vermilion, James Davis, Ephraim Shuey.

INDIANA CONFERENCE

1837

(Conference was held at Anspaugh schoolhouse, now Union Chapel, Decatur County, Indiana, September 5, 1837)

(At this session Aaron Farmer, secretary, wrote his "Immortal Words," in the conference minutes)

Indianapolis District—Aaron Farmer, P. E.
Indianapolis, Aaron Farmer, Aaron Davis.
Flat Rock, Silas Andrews, John G. Eckles.

Corydon District—John Lopp, P. E.
Corydon Circuit, John Lopp.
Charlestown, Elias Robertson.
Washington, Supplied by P. E.

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White Water District—John Morgan, P. E.
White Water Circuit, Wiley Jones.
Tanner's Creek District, M. Bottenberg, P. E.
Tanner's Creek Circuit, William Stewart.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1837

(Conference was held at Jeremiah Davis' schoolhouse, Warren County, Indiana, September 14, 1837)

Wabash District—John Hoobler, P. E.
Pine Creek, Frederick Kenoyer.
Wea, James Davis.
Coal Creek, Ephraim Shuey.
Vermilion, John P. Shuey, William Hoobler.
Clinton, Josiah Davis.
Rockville Mission, Elijah T. Cook.

St. Joseph District—James Griffith, P. E.
St. Joseph Circuit, Joshua Orne, James Griffith.

INDIANA CONFERENCE

1838

(Conference was held at Corydon meeting-house, Harrison County, Indiana, September 19, 1838)

Indianapolis District—Aaron Farmer, P. E.
White Water Circuit, Wiley Jones, William Eckles.
Indianapolis, William Stewart, Daniel Stover.
Flat Rock Circuit, Aaron Davis, M. M. Crow.
Tanner's Creek Circuit, Thomas D. Llewellen.
Blue River Mission, Jacob Emerick.

New Albany District—John Lopp, P. E.
Corydon Circuit, Isaac Ball.
Charlestown Circuit, John G. Eckles.
Washington Circuit, Elias Robertson.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1838

(Conference was held at Henry Walter's, Montgomery County, Indiana, September 10, 1838)

Wabash District—John Fetterhoff, P. E.
Pine Creek, E. T. Cook, G. C. Ilckenhauns. (last six months)
Wea, James Griffith.
Vermilion, Ephraim Shuey.

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Coal Creek, C. G. Ilckenhauns, J. M. Hershey (last six months).
Rockville, John P. Shuey.
Clinton, John Hoobler.
Shelbyville (Illinois) (Embarras Mission), Josiah Davis, William Davis.
St. Joseph, E. H. Lamb, James Davis.

INDIANA CONFERENCE

1839

(Conference was held at Franklin meeting-house, Franklin County, Indiana, August 27, 1839)

Indianapolis District—Jacob Kemp, P. E.
Indianapolis, Aaron Davis.
White Water, Jacob Emerick, Lyman S. Chittenden.
Flat Rock, J. G. Eckles, Daniel Stover.
Fall Creek, Wiley Jones.
Tanner's Creek, Silas Andrews.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1839

(Conference was held at William Baker's, Tippecanoe County, Indiana, September 5, 1839)

St. Joseph District—James Davis, P. E.
Tippecanoe, John S. Tolbert, James Davis.

Wabash District—John Fetterhoff, P. E.
Pine Creek, James Griffith.
Vermilion, William Hoobler.
Clinton, Anderson Sparks.
Eel River, John C. McNamar.
Rockville, E. T. Cook.
Coal Creek, John Hoobler, R. Baker.
Wea, Emsley H. Lamb.
Tippecanoe Mission, John S. Tolbert.
Mackinaw, Ezekiel Pettigrew.
Shelbyville (Illinois), Isaac Reeve.

INDIANA CONFERENCE

1840

(Conference was held at Corydon, Harrison County, Indiana, May 25, 1840)

Indianapolis District—William Stuart, P. E.
Indianapolis, John G. Eckles, M. M. Crow.
White Water, Joseph A. Ball, Aaron Davis.

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Flat Rock, Wiley Jones, Jeremiah Perkins.
Fall Creek, Daniel Stover, J. H. King.
Tanner's Creek, J. H. Stover, J. L. Stearns.
Mississinewa, William Ogburn.

New Albany District—Joseph McCallen, P. E.
Corydon, Nathan McElfresh.
Charlestown, Josiah Coen.
Washington, Lyman S. Chittenden.
Jasper, To be supplied.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1840

(Conference was held at John Fetterhoff's in Parke County, Indiana, June 3, 1840)

Wabash District—Josiah Davis, P. E.
Pine Creek, E. H. Lamb.
Wea, James Davis, William Ammerman.
Coal Creek, Charles Beam.
Vermilion, John Hoobler.
Clinton, Ezekiel Pettigrew.
Eel River, Amos W. Hedge.
Rockville, John Fetterhoff, George Newman.
Embarras, Anderson Sparks.
Mackinaw Mission, E. T. Cook.
Spoon River, John P. Eckles.

St. Joseph District—William Davis, P. E.
St. Joseph, Robert Baker.
Tippecanoe Mission, Joseph Orne.

INDIANA CONFERENCE

1841

(Conference was held at Bethel meeting-house, Decatur County, Indiana, June 3, 1841)

New Albany District—W. S. Stuart, P. E.
Jasper, Jacob House.
Washington, Aaron Davis, Joseph McCallen.
Corydon, Nathan McElfresh, J. N. Pope.
Charlestown, Isaac Ball.
Laugherty, J. H. Stover.
Newbern, Elias Robertson.

Indianapolis District—T. L. Garrigus, P. E.
Flat Rock, Joseph A. Ball.
Franklin (Johnson County), George Muth.
Indianapolis, D. Stover.

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White River, A. Hanway.
Fall Creek, G. Rubush.
Mississinewa, J. Smith.
Dublin, J. L. Stearns.
Sanes Creek, Josiah Coen.
White Water, L. S. Chittenden.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1841

(Conference was held at Milford (Green Hill), Warren County, Indiana, June 14, 1841)

St. Joseph District—William Davis, P. E.
St. Joseph, E. H. Lamb.
Tippecanoe, Bazil Clevenger.

West District—Josiah Davis, P. E.
Pine Creek, J. Davis.
Vermilion, S. A. Potts.
Clinton, J. P. Shuey.
Embarras, Addison Sparks.
Mackinaw, Robert Becker.

East District—J. Fetterhoff, P. E.
Wea, James Griffith.
Coal Creek, William Ammerman.
Rockville, J. G. Eckles.
Eel River, Amos W. Hedge.

INDIANA CONFERENCE

1842

(Conference was held at Andersonville, Franklin County Indiana, May 25, 1842)

Indianapolis District—W. S. Stuart, P. E.
White Water, George Rubush.
Dublin, D. Stover.
Mississinewa, W. W. Richardson.
Fall Creek, J. A. Ball.
White River, J. Perkins.
Indianapolis, G. Muth.
Franklin (Johnson County), M. M. Crow.
Tanner's Creek, S. Andrews.
Laugherty, J. Coen.
Newbern, J. L. Stearns.
Flat Rock, A. Hanway.
German Mission J. Haas.

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New Albany District—H. Bonebrake, P. E.
Charlestown, C. McElfresh.
Corydon, L. S. Chittenden.
Jasper, John Smith.
Washington, J. House.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1842

(Conference was held at Jefferson, Clinton County, Indiana, June 3, 1842)

St. Joseph District—William Davis, P. E.
St. Joseph, Bazil Clevenger.
Tippecanoe, Elijah T. Cook.
Huntington Mission, Joseph Terrel.
Elkhart, Thomas J. Babcoke.
Warsaw, Josiah Terrel.

Eastern District—John Fetterhoff, P. E.
Coal Creek, Andrew Wimsett.
Wea, Asa Coho.
Rockville, John G. Eckles.
Eel River, Amos W. Hedges, Samuel Simons.

Western District—William Brown, P. E.
Pine Creek, William Ammerman.
Vermilion, John P. Shuey.
Clinton, John B. McVay.
Embarras, Charles Beam, David Fawcett.
Iroquois, Frederick Kenoyer.
Monticello, James Griffith.

INDIANA CONFERENCE

1843

(Conference was held at Bethel meeting-house, Decatur County, Indiana, May 26, 1843)

South District—A. J. McCallen, P. E.
Corydon, L. S. Chittenden, J. House.
Washington, N. McElfresh.
Jasper, M. Crawford.
Charlestown, J. Smith.

Middle District—J. A. Ball, P. E.
Laugherty, B. Abbott.
Tanner's Creek, A. Hanway.
Flat Rock, A. Davis.
Newbern, J. L. Stearns.
Franklin (Johnson County), Charles McCarty.

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North District—G. Rubush, P. E.
Indianapolis, G. Rubush, J. Scott.
Liberty, William Stuart.
Dublin, T. P. Jones.
Blountsville, W. W. Richardson.
Marion, J. Pugsley.
Fall Creek, P. C. Parker, A. C. Chamberlain.
White Water, George Muth.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1843

(Conference was held at Milford (Green Hill), Warren County, Indiana, May 12, 1843)

St. Joseph District—William Davis, P. E.
St. Joseph, Josiah Terrel.
Elkhart, Thomas J. Babcoke.
Tippecanoe, John Surran.
Warsaw Mission, Jesse B. Slight.
Huntington, William J. Burtch.
Yellow River, James T. Timmons.

East District—John Fetterhoff, P. E.
Black Creek, James Scarlet.
Bowling Green, John C. McNamar.
Eel River, William G. Eckles.
Rockville, Amos W. Hedge.
Coal Creek, James Griffith.
Wea, William Ammerman.
Lafayette Mission, Frederick Kenoyer.

West District—John Hoobler, P. E.
Pine Creek, John Villears.
Iroquois, Bazil Clevenger.
Vermilion, John G. Eckles.
Clinton, John P. Shuey.
Embarras, David Fawcett.
Monticello, Andrew Wimsett.
Spoon River, Elijah T. Cook.
Wisconsin Mission, James Davis.

INDIANA CONFERENCE

1844

(Conference was held at Franklin Church, Franklin County, Indiana, March 7 1844)

Southern District—A. J. McCallen, P. E.
Jasper, L. B. Lacey.
Washington, J. House.

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Lanesville, J. H. Stover.
Corydon, Jesse Scott, D. Shuck.
Charlestown, Simeon Rutledge.
New Albany Station, L. S. Chittenden.

Middle District—W. Stuart, P. E.
Liberty, J. L. Stearns.
Tanner's Creek, Samuel Kurtz.
Andersonville, C. A. Davis.
Laugherty, A. C. Chamberlain.
Newbern, B. Abbott.
Franklin Station, N. McElfresh.

Northern District—D. Stover, P. E.
Dublin, T. P. Jones.
Blountsville, John Griffith.
Marion, E. B. Crousehorn.
Fall Creek, W. W. Richardson, P. C. Parker.
White River, Charles McCarty.
Indianapolis, Joseph A. Ball.
Franklin (Johnson County), John Smith.
Indiana Reserve Mission, John Pugsley.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1844

(Conference was held at New Salem, Montgomery County, Indiana, March 21, 1844)

Eastern District—Josiah Davis, P. E.
Concord, Elijah T. Cook.
Wea, John P. Shuey.
Coal Creek, William Ammerman.
Rockville, William J. Burtch.
Eel River, William M. Jones.
Black Creek, Charles Miller.
Bowling Green, J. C. McNamar.
Lebanon Mission, Asa Coho.
Crawfordsville, John Fetterhoff.

Western District—J. G. Eckles, P. E.
Hebron Circuit, D. Fawcett.
Westfield, J. G. Eckles.
Clinton, William Eckles.
Vermilion, James Griffith.
Pine Creek, S. A. Potts.

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Illinois District—John Hoobler, P. E.
Mackinaw, J. P. Eckles, S. C. Zuck.
Spoon River, A. Wimsett.
Vermont, J. B. McVay.
Chambersburg Mission, C. D. Breeding.
Iroquois, J. T. Timmons.
St. Joseph, J. M. Hershey, T. J. Babcoke.
Elkhart, J. B. Slight.
Warsaw, George Kite.
Huntington, J. Surran.
Tippecanoe, Josiah Terrel.
Yellow River Mission, Bazil Clevenger.
Wabash Mission, J. Terrel.
Logansport, A. Sage.

INDIANA CONFERENCE

1845

(Conference was held at Georgetown, Floyd County, Indiana, March 13, 1845)

South District—L. S. Chittenden, P. E.
Jasper, Isaac Ball.
Corydon, A. C. Chamberlain, William Foote.
Washington, Jesse Scott, Thomas Elrod.
New Market, Benjamin Abbott.
Charlestown, John Smith.
New Albany, Henry Bonebrake.
Laugherty, S. Falkenburg.
Newbern, J. House.
Andersonville, Thomas J. Conner.

North District—Daniel Stover, P. E.
Tanner's Creek, A. Davis.
Franklin Station, N. McElfresh.
Liberty, Joseph A. Ball, D. Shuck.
Dublin, John T. Vardaman.
Blountsville, William W. Richardson.
Marion, John Griffith.
White River, Amos Hanway.
Fall Creek, Samuel Kurtz.
Indianapolis, J. H. Stover.
Franklin, Jeremiah Perkins.

WABASH CONFERENCE

April, 1845

(Conference was held at Concord, Tippecanoe County, Indiana, April 11, 1845)

Eastern District—John Hoobler, P. E.
Jefferson, T. S. McNeil.
Concord, Josiah Davis.

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Coal Creek, William Jones.
Rockville, A. Wimsett, David Wright.
Eel River, William Eckles.
Black Creek, J. G. Eckles.
Bowling Green, John C. McNamar.
Lebanon Mission, George Kite.
Crawfordsville, William Ammerman.

Western District—J. P. Shuey, P. E.
Pine Creek, J. M. Hershey.
Vermilion, E. Shuey.
Clinton, J. P. Ephlin.
Westfield, S. A. Potts.
Hebron, C. Mills.
Grove Mission, D. Fawcett.

WABASH CONFERENCE

September, 1845

(Conference was held at Cross Roads meeting-house, Vermilion County, Indiana, September 5, 1845)

North District—John Hoobler, P. E.
Pine Circuit, E. T. Cook.
Vermilion, E. Shuey.
Concord Circuit, T. S. McNeil.
Coal Creek Circuit, George Kite.
Crawfordsville Mission, George Newman.
Lebanon Mission, A. Wimsett.

South District—John P. Shuey, P. E.
Clinton Circuit, William Jones.
Westfield Circuit, J. P. Shuey.
Hebron Circuit, C. B. Mills.
Black Creek Circuit, David Fawcett.
Eel River Circuit, William Eckles.
Rockville Circuit, David Wright.

The General Conference in May, 1845, authorized the division of the Indiana Conference, thus providing for the organization of the White River Conference. This General Conference also authorized the formation of the Iowa, Illinois and Saint Joseph Conferences from portions of the territory of the Wabash Conference.

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INDIANA CONFERENCE

1846

(Conference was held at Mt. Pleasant meeting-house, Bartholomew County, Indiana, February 20, 1846)

New Albany District—L. S. Chittenden, P. E.
New Market Circuit, T. J. Conner.
Charlestown Circuit, J. L. Stearns.
Jasper Circuit, Thomas Elrod.
Tanner's Creek Circuit, S. B. Falkenburg.
Corydon Circuit, A. Davis, J. Scott.
Laugherty Circuit, A. C. Chamberlain.
New Albany Circuit, Isaac Ball.
Newbern Circuit, John Smith.
Washington Circuit, B. Abbott, William Foote.

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III.

Appointments in the White River Conference from its organization in February, 1846, to the addition from Auglaize Conference in 1901, including the Auglaize and all the Wabash Conference appointments in Indiana from 1846 to 1901.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1846

(Original Session)

(Conference was held at Mount Pleasant Church, Bartholomew County, Indiana, February 21, 1846)

South District—Daniel Stover, P. E.
Andersonville, N. McElfresh, E. B. Crousehorn.
Liberty, J. A. Ball, John Griffith.
Dublin, and Blountsville, J. T. Vardaman, C. S. Rutledge.
Fall Creek and Indianapolis, J. H. Stover, A. R. Day.
Franklin (Johnson County), Amos Hanway.
Greenfield Mission, George Muth.

North District—W. W. Richardson, P. E.
Granville Circuit, James S. Wall.
Marion Circuit, J. Perkins.
White River Circuit, S. Kurtz.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1846

(Conference was held at Isaac Bolson's, in Vigo County, Indiana, September 26, 1846)

North District—John Hoobler, P. E.
Pine (Green Hill) Circuit, William Ammerman.
Vermilion Circuit, William Jones.
Concord Circuit, To be supplied.
Coal Creek Circuit, George Kite.
Lebanon Mission, Andrew Wimsett.
Crawfordsville Circuit, S. C. Zuck.

South District—John P. Shuey, P. E.
Clinton Circuit, William Eckles.
Westfield Circuit, Ephraim Shuey.
Hebron Circuit, Henry Stump.
Black Creek Circuit, C. P. Mills.
Bowling Green Circuit, Isaac Pierce.
Rockville Circuit, E. T. Cook.

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WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1847

(Conference was held at Washington (now Greensfork) meeting-house, Wayne County, Indiana, January 18, 1847)

North District—W. W. Richardson, P. E.
Marion Circuit, S. Kurtz.
Pipe Creek, Raney Gillam.
Granville, J. H. Stover.
Kokomo Mission, J. J. Perrett.

South District—John T. Vardaman, P. E.
Liberty Circuit, Joseph Manning.
Dublin Circuit, D. Stover, W. B. Witt.
Andersonville Circuit, J. S. Wall.
Franklin Circuit, Charles McCarty.
Indianapolis Circuit, A. R. Day.
Fall Creek Circuit, J. Perkins.
Stoney Creek Circuit, William H. Kendrick, J. H. King.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1847

(Conference was held at Otterbein Church, Coles County Illinois, September 22, 1847)

North District—J. Hoobler, P. E.
Lebanon Circuit, E. T. Cook.
Concord Circuit, George Kite.
Pine Creek Circuit, J. A. Mast.
Vermilion Circuit, William Jones.
Coal Creek Circuit, William Eckles.
Crawfordsville Mission, S. C. Zuck.

South District—J. P. Shuey, P. E.
Clinton Circuit, A. Wimsett.
Westfield Circuit, E. Shuey.
Hebron Circuit, Peter Titsworth.
Black Creek Circuit, C. P. Mills.
Eel River Circuit, William Ammerman.
Rockville Circuit, Frederick Kenoyer.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

February, 1848

(Conference was held at White Chapel, Madison County, Indiana, February 3, 1848)

North District—W. W. Richardson, P. E.
Pipe Creek Circuit, J. S. Wall.
Kokomo, Jacob H. Stover.

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Marion, John R. Brown.
Granville, J. J. Perrett.
Ashland Mission, W. H. Kendrick.

South District—J. T. Vardaman, P. E.
Liberty Circuit, A. R. Day.
Clifty Circuit, J. Perkins.
Franklin Circuit, M. M. Hook.
Indianapolis, A. King, G. Muth.
Indianapolis Station, J. A. Ball.
Fall Creek Circuit, J. Manning.
Stoney Creek, W. B. Witt.
Dublin, A. Hanway.
New Garden, C. W. Witt.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1848

(Conference was held at the Cross Roads meeting-house, Vermilion County, Indiana, September 21, 1848)

North District—James Griffith, P. E.
Pine Circuit, William M. Jones.
Vermilion Circuit, Andrew Wimsett.
Coal Creek, S. A. Potts.
Concord Circuit, Walton C. Smith.
Lebanon Circuit, S. F. Hall.
Crawfordsville Circuit, To be supplied.

South District—Amos W. Hedge, P. E.
Clinton Circuit, F. Kenoyer.
Westfield Circuit, J. P. Shuey.
Hebron Circuit, Henry Stump.
Black Creek Circuit, To be supplied.
Eel River, C. P. Mills.
Rockville Circuit, J. A. Mast.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

October, 1848

(Conference was held at Union Church (commonly called Kingdom) now Blue River Church, Shelby County, Indiana, October 6, 1848)

East District—D. Stover, P. E.
Liberty, W. H. Kendrick.
Dublin, J. T. Vardaman.
New Garden, A. R. Day.
Granville, J. J. Perrett.
Andersonville, T. J. Conner.
Walnut Mission, J. S. Wall.

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West District—M. M. Hook, P. E.
Clifty, George Muth.
Franklin, W. S. Stuart.
Indianapolis, A. King.
Fall Creek, W. W. Richardson.
Pipe Creek, J. Perkins.
Marion, J. R. Brown.
Kokomo Mission, W. B. Witt.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1849

(Conference was held at Dublin, Indiana, September 13, 1849)

Eastern District—D. Stover, P. E.
Andersonville Station T. J. Conner.
Liberty Circuit, By the P. E.
Dublin Circuit, W. H. Kendrick.
Williamsburg, Joseph Manning.
Stoney Creek, C. W. Witt.
Granville, J. T. Vardaman.
Walnut Mission, B. Holcom.

Western District—George Muth, P. E.
Clifty Circuit, W. B. Witt.
Franklin, W. S. Stuart.
Indianapolis, J. J. Perrett.
Fall Creek, W. W. Richardson.
Pipe Creek, John Smith.
Marion, A. R. Day.
Kokomo Mission, J. H. Stover.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1849

(Conference was held at New Goshen Church, Vigo County, Indiana, September 13, 1849)

North District—F. Kenoyer, P. E.
Pine Circuit, J. A. Kenoyer.
Vermilion Circuit, William M. Jones.
Concord Circuit, A. Wimsett.
Coal Creek Circuit, John Hoobler.
Lebanon Mission, S. F. Hall.
Crawfordsville Circuit, To be supplied.

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South District—James Griffith, P. E.
Clinton Circuit, S. C. Zuck.
Westfield Circuit, W. C. Smith.
Hebron Circuit, Elijah T. Cook.
Rockville Circuit, John A. Mast.
Eel River, George Shigley.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1850

(Conference was held at Andersonville, Indiana, August 22, 1850)

East District—G. Muth, P. E.
Liberty, John T. Vardaman.
Andersonville Station, S. M. Shumway.
Dublin, Stoney Creek, D. Stover.
Williamsburg, A. Carroll.
Mississinewa Mission.

West District—T. J. Conner, P. E.
Clifty, W. S. Stuart.
Indianapolis, A. Long.
Franklin, J. S. Wall.
Pipe Creek, John Smith.
Kokomo Mission.
Marion, B. R. B. Holcom.
Fall Creek, J. R. Brown.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1850

(Conference was held at Milford (Green Hill) Church, Warren County, Indiana, September 6, 1850)

North District—F. Kenoyer, P. E.
Pine, William Jones, J. Waymire.
Concord, J. P. Ephlin.
Coal Creek, G. Shigley, William Ashby.
Crawfordsville, J. A. Mast.
Lebanon, A. Wimsett.

South District—J. Griffith, P. E.
Vermilion, S. A. Potts.
Clinton, S. C. Zuck.
Westfield, W. C. Smith.
Rockville, John Hoobler.
Eel River, A. Briley.
Hebron Mission, John Burtner.
Black Creek, To be supplied.

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WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1851

(Conference was held at White Chapel, Madison County, Indiana, August 21, 1851)

Conference District—T. J. Conner, P. E.
Andersonville Station, W. S. Stuart.
Liberty, J. S. Wall.
Dublin, J. R. Brown.
Stoney Creek, A. R. Day.
Marion, J. Smith.
Pipe Creek, J. Perkins.
Fall Creek, G. Muth.
Indianapolis, W. A. Cardwell.
Franklin, S. M. Shumway.
Clifty, A. Long.
Mississinewa Mission, J. Bright.
Kokomo Mission, To be supplied.
Indianapolis Mission, J. T. Vardaman.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1851

(Conference was held at Roven Creek Church, Parke County, Indiana, September 4, 1851)

North District—James Griffith, P. E.
Pine, George Kite.
Concord, A. Wimsett.
Coal Creek, J. Waymire.
Crawfordsville, To be supplied.
Lebanon, W. Ashby.

South District, F. Kenoyer, P. E.
Vermilion, C. P. Mills.
Clinton, W. C. Smith.
Westfield, S. C. Zuck.
Hebron, To be supplied.
Eel River, A. Briley.
Rockville, G. Shigley.
Black Creek, W. M. Jones.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1852

(Conference was held at Hartsville, Bartholomew County Indiana, August 19, 1852)

East District—D. Stover, P. E.
Andersonville Station, A. Davis.
Liberty, A. Carroll.

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Dublin, J. Scott.
Stoney Creek, J. R. Brown.
Mississinewa Mission, B. R. B. Holcom.
Marion, J. Smith.

West District—J. T. Vardaman, P. E.
Pipe Creek, A. R. Day.
Morgantown, John K. Lawrence.
Fall Creek, A. Hanway.
Indianapolis Mission, A. Long.
Blue River, W. H. Kendrick.
Clifty, W. A. Cardwell.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1852

(Conference was held at the Otterbein Church (near Westfield), Cole County, Illinois, September 14, 1852)

North District—James Davis, P. E.
Tippecanoe Mission, J. Griffith.
Pine, A. Wimsett.
Lafayette Mission, D. Brown.
Concord, G. Shigley.
Lebanon, T. M. Hamilton.
Crawfordsville Mission, William Ashby.
Waveland Mission, G. Zurface.
Coal Creek, Jacob Waymire.
Chambersburg, J. Dice.

South District—J. P. Shuey, P. E.
Vermilion, J. Burtner.
Highland, C. P. Mills.
New Goshen, W. C. Smith.
Westfield, A. Briley.
Indian Creek Mission, S. C. Zuck.
Hebron, Alex Helton.
Black Creek, Wm. M. Jones.
Eel River, G. Kite, J. S. Tolbert.
Rockville, C. Brock.

The General Conference held in May, 1853, provided for the formation of Maumee Conference, which four years later took the name of Auglaize Conference. This conference was carved out of the northern portion of the Miami Conference.

The General Conference held in May, 1901, dissolved the Auglaize Conference, and attached its territory south of the Wabash River in the State of Indiana to the White River Conference, thus transferring about 650 square miles to our annual conference. The Auglaize Conference assignments in Indiana are included in the following list of appointments:

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WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1853

(Conference was held at Sugar Grove meeting-house, Wayne County, Indiana August 24, 1853)

East District—J. T. Vardaman, P. E.
Andersonville Station, D. Stover.
Liberty, John Smith.
Dublin, W. A. Cardwell.
Stoney Creek, J. S. Wall.
Fall Creek, A. R. Day.
Marion, J. Scott.
Salamony Mission, J. R. Brown.

West District—A. Hanway, P. E.
Clifty, A. Long.
Morgantown, William Nichols.
Blue River, Thomas Evans.
Oakland, M. M. Hook.
Indianapolis Mission, A. Davis.
Pipe Creek, B. R. B. Holcom.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1853

(Conference was held at the Mount Pleasant meeting-house, Clay County, Indiana, September 16, 1853)

North District—J. Griffith, P. E.
Rensselaer, A. Wimsett.
Middleport, George Kite.
Tippecanoe, F. Kenoyer.
Williamsport, G. Shigley.
Pine, Jacob Dice.
Concord, William Ashby.
Lebanon, J. Davis, J. S. Tolbert.

West District—J. P. Shuey, P. E.
Vermilion, J. Burtner.
Brouillets Creek, W. M. Jones.
New Goshen, S. C. Zuck.
Dolson, A. Briley.
Westfield, Alex Helton.
Indian Creek Mission, W. C. Smith.
Robinson, J. Cotman.

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East District—J. Manning, P. E.
Chambersburg, C. Brock.
Coal Creek, Wm. H. Kimberlin.
Ladoga, T. M. Hamilton.
Rockville, S. A. Potts.
Mt. Pleasant and Poland, J. Waymire, and S. Simmons.
Edwardsport Mission, S. Watts.

MAUMEE (AUGLAIZE) CONFERENCE

(Assignments in Indiana)

1853

(Conference was held at Pleasant Hill Chapel, Mercer County, Ohio, September 9, 1853)

Bluffton Circuit, W. J. Burtch.
Mississinewa Mission, E. N. Brown.
Wabash Circuit, Ira Thompson.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1854

(Conference held at Indianapolis, August 18, 1854)

East District—Amos Hanway, P. E.
Salamony Mission, J. R. Brown.
Stoney Creek, A. R. Day.
Marion, J. S. Wall.
Williamsburg, Wm. Daugherty.
Dublin, David O. Farrell.
Liberty, James Long.
Andersonville, S. M. Shumway.
Fall Creek, Jesse Scott.

West District—Aaron Davis, P. E.
Indianapolis Mission, J. T. Vardaman.
Wildcat, Cyrus Smith.
Morgantown, Thomas Evans.
Pipe Creek, Benjamin R. B. Holcom.
Pleasantview, Wm. Nichols.
Blue River, John Smith.
Clifty, George Muth.
Hartsville Station, David Shuck.

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MAUMEE (AUGLAIZE) CONFERENCE

(Assignments in Indiana)

1854

(Conference held at Union Bethel Chapel, Auglaize County, Ohio)

Mount Pleasant Mission, M. Johnson.
Wabash Circuit, W. J. Burtch.
Bluffton Circuit, E. H. Brown.
St. Mary's Circuit, L. S. Farber.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1854

(Conference held at Brown's Chapel (Castle Church) Fountain County, Indiana, August 30, 1854)

North District—Joseph Manning, P. E.
Rensselaer, George Shigley.
Middleport, G. Myers.
Tippecanoe, J. T. Timmons.
Pine, Wm. Ashby.
Williamsport, George Kite.
Lafayette, A. Wimsett.
Concord, C. Brock.
Lebanon, T. M. Hamilton, Wm. Brook.
Eagle Creek Mission, J. S. Simmons.

East District—S. C. Zuck, P. E.
Chambersburg, F. Kenoyer.
Coal Creek, Wm. Sherrell.
Ladoga, T. M. Hamilton, W. Brook.
Rockville, Ira Mater.
Poland, F. Chaney.
Middletown, A. W. Hedge, S. Simmons.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1855

(Conference held at Honey Creek Chapel, Johnson County, Indiana, August 16, 1855)

North District—J. T. Vardaman, P. E.
Dublin, Wm. Nichols.
Williamsburg, A. Carroll.
Stoney Creek, Wm. H. Daugherty.
Marion, J. S. Wall.

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Pipe Creek, T. Evans.
Fall Creek, John Smith.
Wildcat Mission, J. Scott.

South District—Amos Hanway, P. E.
Liberty, J. Long.
Andersonville, S. M. Shumway.
Pleasantville, J. R. Brown.
Blue River, B. R. B. Holcom.
Clifty, A. Davis.
Indianapolis Mission, M. Wright.
Morgantown, J. Myers.
Hartsville Station, David Shuck.

MAUMEE (AUGLAIZE) CONFERENCE

(Assignments in Indiana)

1855

(Conference held at Salem Church, Champaign County, Ohio, September 5, 1855)

West District—P. B. Holden, P. E.
St. Mary's Circuit, W. J. Burtch.
Bluffton, J. W. Hill.
Mount Pleasant, J. Spray.
Wabash, F. B. Hendrix.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1855

(Conference held at Otterbein Chapel, Coles County, Illinois, August 30, 1855)

North District—W. C. Smith, P. E.
Vermilion, S. C. Zuck.
Southfork Mission, A. Peterson.
Middleport, J. Timmons.
Rensselaer, F. Kenoyer.
Pine, W. M. Jones.
Tippecanoe, to be supplied.
Williamsport, Wm. Pentzer.
Brouillets Creek, A. Bales.

Westfield District, James Griffith, P. E.
Westfield, A. Canady.
New Goshen, John Burtner.
Dolson, Wm. H. Brown.
Robinson, Wm. H. Clark, H. Stump.
Granville, Samuel Stark.

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Prairie City, E. Shuey.
Freemanton Mission, R. W. Belknap.
Ohano Mission, Alex Helton.

Lafayette District—J. P. Shuey, P. E.
Lafayette Mission, Joseph Manning.
Concord, Campbell Brock.
Lebanon, George Kite.
Chambersburg, T. M. Hamilton.
Eagle Creek, To be supplied.

East District—A. Briley, P. E.
Ladoga, S. A. Potts.
Rockville, Wm. Sherrill.
Otter Creek, Ira Mater.
Poland, George Shigley.
Mount Pleasant, J. G. Shuey.
Middletown, S. Simmons.
Edwardsport, S. Watts.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1856

(Conference held at Abington, Wayne County, Indiana, August 8, 1856)

North District—A. Davis, P. E.
Salamony Mission, W. C. Ketner.
Marion, D. O. Farrel.
Hartford Mission, C. Smith.
Greentown, J. S. Wall.
Pipe Creek, Thomas Evans.
Stoney Creek, W. C. Miller.

Indianapolis District—J. T. Vardaman, P. E.
Fall Creek, A. R. Day.
Williamsburg, A. Carroll.
Dublin, Wm. Nichols.
Pleasantview, B. R. B. Holcom.
Blue River, P. S. Cook.
Indianapolis Mission, D. Stover.

South District—G. Muth, P. E.
Greenwood, B. F. Morgan.
Morgantown Mission, A. Hanway.
Clifty, John Smith.
Hartsville Station, A. Long.
Andersonville, Milton Wright.
Liberty, W. H. Daugherty.

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MAUMEE (AUGLAIZE) CONFERENCE

(Assignments in Indiana)

1856

(Conference held at Union Chapel, Adams County, Indiana, August 29, 1856)

West District—Wm. Miller, P. E.
Mount Pleasant, H. H. Shreeves.
Ossian, James M. Lea.
Wabash, F. B. Hendrix.
Saint Mary's, J. McConnohey.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1856

(Conference held at Cross Roads meeting-house, Vermilion County, Indiana, August 15, 1856)

Westfield District—J. P. Shuey, P. E.
Westfield, W. M. Jones.
Hebron and Granville, E. Jackson, H. Elwell.
Olney Mission, W. H. Brown.
Freemanton Mission, A. W. Belknap.
Prairie City, Samuel Stark.
Dolson, Alexander Helton.
New Goshen, J. Kenoyer.
Brouillets Creek, George Shigley.

East District—James Griffith, P. E.
Chambersburg, T. M. Hamilton.
Coal Creek, John Burtner.
Rockville, George Kite.
Otter Creek Mission, Ira Mater.
Mt. Pleasant, Thomas Guisinger.
Sullivan, S. Rush.
Poland, Joseph McKee.
Ladoga, C. Brock.
Terre Haute, Levi Kerns.

North District—W. C. Smith, P. E.
Perrysville, S. C. Zuck.
Pine and Williamsport Mission, A. J. Gear and J. F. Moore.
Vermilion Mission, Wm. Sherrill.
Middleport, Wm. Pentzer.
Rensselaer, W. J. Bledsoe.
Tippecanoe Mission, George Myers.
Concord, Jacob Waymire.
Lebanon, A. Storms.

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WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1857

(Conference held at Perkinsville, Madison County, Indiana, on August 13, 1857)

West District—D. Stover, P. E.
Morgantown Mission, G. Muth.
Greenwood, H. K. Muth.
Indianapolis Mission, C. W. Witt.
Pleasantview, Thomas Evans.
Fall Creek, D. O. Farrell.
Lancaster Mission, Wm. Hall.
Pipe Creek, J. H. Stover.
Greentown, B. F. Morgan.
Clifty, Alfred King.

East District—Amos Hanway, P. E.
Blue River, P. S. Cook.
Andersonville, A. Davis.
Liberty, Wm. Nichols.
Williamsburg, A. R. Day.
Dublin, A. Carroll.
Stoney Creek, J. S. Wall.
Hartford Mission, J. E. Rutherford.
Salamony, W. C. Ketner.
Marion, H. C. Miller.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

(Assignments in Indiana)

1857

(Conference was held at Olive Branch Church, Auglaize County, Ohio, August 11, 1857)

West District—P. B. Holden, P. E.
Ossian, Wm. McKee.
Bluffton Mission, To be supplied.
Mount Pleasant, H. S. Thomas.
Wabash, S. S. Holden.
St. Mary's, J. W. Hill.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1857

(Conference held at Roaring Creek (Rawlings) meeting-house, Parke County, Indiana, August 27, 1857)

North District—James Griffith, P. E.
Perrysville, Ira Mater.
Vermilion, Joel Cowgill.

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Pine and Williamsport Mission, J. F. Moore and H. J. Daily.
Concord, George Myers.
Tippecanoe, J. A. Mast.
Rensselaer, J. Waymire.
Middleport, Wm. Pentzer.
Brouillets, Creek, A. W. Hedge.

Westfield District—W. C. Smith, P. E.
Westfield, A. Bales.
Dolson, M. Hale.
Macedonia, H. Elwell.
Flora, J. Brenner.
Granville, R. W. Belknap.
Fayette, S. C. Steward.
Prairie City, S. Rush and J. B. Bastin.
New Goshen, A. J. Gear.
Mulberry Grove, W. H. Brown.

East District—T. M. Hamilton, P. E.
Sullivan, E. Jackson.
Mt. Pleasant, To be supplied.
Otter Creek, David Beauchamp.
Rockville, F. Kenoyer.
Coal Creek, A. Storms.
Ladoga, J. Hinton.
Lebanon, C. Brock.
Chambersburg, Theodore Guisinger.
Poland, Joseph McKee.
Terre Haute Mission, L. Kerns.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1858

(Conference held at Dublin, Wayne County, Indiana, August 12, 1858)

West District—Alfred King. P. E.
Hartsville Station, B. F. Morgan.
Clifty, Amos Hanway.
Indianapolis Mission Station, C. W. Witt.
Morgantown Mission, P. S. Cook.
Greenwood, H. K. Muth.
Pleasant View, Thomas Evans.
Pipe Creek, J. E. Rutherford.
New Lancaster Mission, A. R. Day.
Fall Creek, A. Carroll.
Greentown, Cyrus Smith.

East District—D. O. Farrell, P. E.
Blue River, H. Harrell.
Andersonville, Josiah G. Shuey.

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Liberty, J. T. Vardaman.
Dublin, J. S. Wall, H. Floyd.
Williamsburg, D. Stover, J. B. Ervin.
Stoney Creek, W. C. Ketner.
Marion, H. C. Miller.
Salamony, B. R. B. Holcom.
Knightstown Mission.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

(Assignments in Indiana)

1858

(Conference held at Mount Victory, Ohio, August 27, 1858)

West District—Wm. Miller, P. E.
Mt. Pleasant, H. S. Thomas.
Bluffton Mission, J. McConnohey.
Ossian, Wm. McKee.
Wabash, A. Shoubp.
St. Mary's, J. W. Hill.

WABASH CONFERENCE

1858

(Conference was held at New Goshen, Vigo County, Indiana, August 19, 1858)

The General Conference held in May, 1857, granted Wabash Conference permission to divide the conference. In the division the northern territory was called the Upper Wabash and the southern territory, Lower Wabash Conference. Each conference embraced territory in the States of Indiana, and Illinois, however, the larger part of the Upper Wabash Conference was in Indiana, and the larger part of the Lower Wabash Conference in Illinois.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

1858

West District—James Griffith, P. E.
Tippecanoe, A. J. Bailey.
Rensselaer, F. Kenoyer, A. Wainscott.
Middleport, George Myers.
Pine, Campbell Brock.
Williamsport, A. J. Gear.
Perrysville, J. Cowgill.
Vermilion Mission, Wm. Pentzer.
Brouillets Creek, D. A. Beauchamp.
Carpenter's Creek Mission, I. W. Joyce.

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East District—T. M. Hamilton, P. E.
Otter Creek, Wm. M. Jones.
Rockville, J. F. Moore.
White Lick, George Zurface.
Ladoga, J. Davidson.
Lebanon, Abner Storms.
Coal Creek, George Shigley.
Chambersburg, Ira Mater.
Concord, J. A. Mast.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

1858

North District—A. Briley, P. E.
Poland, M. Hale.
Sullivan, S. Watts.
White River Mission, E. Jackson.
Mount Pleasant, Joseph McKee.
New Goshen, John Burtner.
Mulberry Grove Mission, A. Bales.
Okaw, W. H. Brown.

Westfield District—W. C. Smith, P. E.
Westfield, J. Cottman.
Dolson, S. Bussard.
Fayette, R. W. Belknap.
Prairie City Mission, J. Easton.
Flora Mission, J. Brenner, A. Dunbar.
Macedonia Mission, H. Elwell, S. Mills.
Richland Mission, S. Stark.
Granville, D. Stoltz.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

1859

(Conference was held at Cross Roads Church, Vermilion County, Indiana, March 31, 1859)

East District—T. M. Hamilton, P. E.
Otter Creek, A. J. Gear.
Rockville, J. F. Moore.
Coal Creek, G. Shigley.
Chambersburg, Ira Mater.
Ladoga, Wm. Forbes.
White Lick Mission, Wm. Sherrill.
Concord, J. A. Mast.
Tippecanoe, A. J. Bailey.

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North District—C. Brock, P. E.
Carpenter's Creek Mission, J. Waymire.
Rensselaer, A. W. Wainscott.
Middleport, George Myers.
Ashgrove Mission, Wm. Pentzer.
Vermilion, D. A. Beauchamp.
Hickory Grove Mission, Wm. M. Jones.
Brouillets Creek, J. Cowgill.
Perrysville, James Griffith.
Williamsport, J. T. Timmons.
Pine, J. Davidson.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

1859

(Conference was held at Westfield, Illinois, March 17, 1859)

Westfield District—W. C. Smith, P. E.
Macedonia Mission, S. Mills.
Hamilton Mission, A. Dunbar.
Richland, H. Elwell.
Flora Mission, H. Clark.
Hebron, A. Helton.
Dolson, S. Bussard.
Westfield, J. W. Nye.
Granville, Martin Hale.
Prairie City and Fayette, R. W. Belknap.

North District—J. P. Shuey, P. E.
Paris Mission, A. Bales.
Okaw Mission, E. Jackson.
New Goshen, To be supplied.
Center Point, J. McKee.
Poland, S. Stark.
Reservoir, J. A. Smith.
Sullivan, H. Severus.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1859

(Conference was held at Olive Branch Chapel, Bartholomew County, August 18, 1859)

West District—Amos Hanway; Blue River, Wm. Nichols; Clifty, Thomas Evans; Morgantown Mission, A. E. Evans; Greenwood, H. C. Miller, R. B. Beaty; Indianapolis Mission Station, Peter Cook; Pleasant View, Amos R. Day; Fall Creek, James Wall; Pipe Creek, Halleck Floyd; New Lancaster Mission, Aaron Davis; Greentown, B. R. B. Holcom.

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East District—David O. Farrell, P. E.; Andersonville, Henry Muth; Liberty, B. F. Morgan; Dublin, Cyrus Smith; Sugar Creek, Alexander Carroll; Williamsburg, Josiah G. Shuey; Bloomingsport Mission, Wm. Davenport; Stoney Creek, J. B. Irvin; Marion, Wm. C. Ketner; Salamony, J. E. Rutherford; Antioch, William Hall.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

1859

West District—W. E. Bay, P. E.; Mount Pleasant, S. S. Holden; Wabash, J. Johnson; White River Mission, G. S. Gibbons; St. Mary's, Wm. McKee.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

1860

East District—James Griffith, P. E.; Tippecanoe, Joel Cowgill; Concord, T. M. Hamilton; Shawnee, J. F. Moore; Chambersburg, Ira Mater; Coal Creek, J. Waymire; Rockville, A. J. Gear; Otter Creek, J. A. Mast; Walnut, J. A. Smith; White Lick, H. Griggs; Lebanon, R. Gillmore; Ladoga, Wm. Forbes.

West District—J. A. Kenoyer, P. E.; Brouillets Creek, A. J. Newgent; Vermilion, D. A. Beauchamp; Perrysville, A. J. Bailey; Williamsport, George Shigley; Ash Grove, J. Simpson; Middleport, A. W. Wainscott; Rensselaer, Wm. Pentzer; Carpenter's Creek, George Myers; Pine, Campbell Brock; Macedonia, N. B. Odle.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

1860

East District—W. C. Smith, P. E.; New Goshen Station, A. Briley; Paris, J. McKee, R. W. Belknap; Centerpoint, Wm. M. Givens; Poland, S. Stark; Reservoir, J. B. Arnett; Sullivan, C. H. Jones.

South District—E. Shuey, P. E.; Richland and Newton, H. Elwell and J. Watson; Flora Mission, S. G. Brock; Hamilton Mission, H. Severens; Jackson County Mission, Henry Clark; Seven Mile and Salem Mission, S. Mills and P. Story.

Westfield District—S. C. Steward, P. E.; Westfield Station, J. W. Nye; Cumberland, S. Bussard; Prairie City, A. Jackson; Okaw, E. Jackson; Fayette, S. Greeson; North Fork, James Page; Hebron, A. Helton and C. Jones.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1860

(Conference was held at Williamsburg, Wayne County, Indiana, August 16, 1860)

Marion District—D. O. Farrell, P. E.; Salamony, Wm. C. Ketner; Antioch, Cyrus Smith; Marion, Milton Wright; Greentown, B. R. B. Holcom; New Lancaster Mission, J. B. Tennee; Pipe Creek, J. E. Rutherford; Andersontown Mission, J. S. Wall; Fall Creek, Wm. Davenport; Stoney Creek, J. W. Barnes; Salem Mission, John Kiger.

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Dublin District—Thomas Evans, P. E.; Bloomingsport Mission, R. B. Beaty; Williamsburg, J. T. Vardaman; Richmond Mission, To be supplied; Abington, B. F. Morgan; Franklin, Daniel Stover; Andersonville, H. K. Muth; Dublin, H. C. Miller; Sugar Creek, Amos R. Day.

Indianapolis District—Wm. Nichols, P. E.; Pleasant View, A. Carroll; Indianapolis Mission Station, C. Witt; Greenwood, J. B. Ervin; Honey Creek, A. King; Morgantown Mission, George Muth; Clifty, A. E. Evans; Hartsville Station, P. S. Cook; Blue River, H. Floyd; Kingdom, A. Davis.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

1860

(Conference held at Allentown, Allen County, Ohio, August 22, 1860)

West District—Wm. McKee, P. E.; Ossian, W. E. Bay; Murray, W. Jones; Mount Pleasant, J. W. Bartmess; White River, W. Wagoner; Wabash, J. Weagley; St. Mary's, M. Johnson.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

March, 1861

South District—James Griffith, P. E.; Vermilion, J. Simpson; Perrysville, A. J. Bailey; Brouillets Creek, J. A. Mast; Rockville, A. W. Wainscott; Otter Creek, Ira Mater; Coal Creek, A. J. Gear; Walnut Mission, L. Zeigler.

East District—T. M. Hamilton, P. E.; Ladoga, R. Gillmore; Concord, D. A. Beauchamp; Shawnee Mission, A. J. Newgent; Chambersburg, Wm. M. Jones.

West District—C. Brock, P. E.; Tippecanoe, J. Cowgill; Rensselaer, O. Davidson; Middleport, Seely B. Boomer; Ash Grove Mission, N. B. Odle; Macedonia Mission, A. Throughman; Pine, Wm. Pentzer; Williamsport Mission, J. Evans.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

1861

Westfield District—W. C. Smith, P. E.; Westfield, J. G. Shuey; Embarras, J. P. Shuey; Long Point, S. Bussard; North Fork, S. Coblentz; Prairie City, E. Shuey; Fayette, G. W. Young; Neogo, I. W. Williams; Okaw, H. Clark.

East District—S. C. Steward, P. E.; New Goshen, J. F. Moore; Paris, Joseph McKee; Wheatland, J. B. Arnett; Sullivan, C. H. Jones; Centerpoint, W. M. Givens; Poland, Martin Hale; Reservoir, D. Ross; Dolson, E. Jackson.

South District—Alexander Helton, P. E.; Seven Mile, J. H. Watson; Jackson County, P. R. Story; Wabash, H. Severens; Flora, S. Mills; Parkersburg, Samuel Stark; Hebron, Hiram Elwell; Newton, S. Greeson.

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WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1861

(Conference held at Mt. Pleasant, Delaware County, Indiana, August 15, 1861)

Indianapolis District—C. W. Witt, P. E.; Indianapolis Station, Wm. Nichols; Morgantown Mission, A. S. Meeks; Clifty, Henry K. Muth; Blue River, Alexander Carroll; Honey Creek, J. Myers; Greenwood, Amos R. Day; Pleasant View, Amos Hanway.

Dublin District—James S. Wall, P. E.; Andersonville, A. E. Evans; Franklin and Abington, B. F. Morgan and F. G. Price; Dublin, Peter S. Cook; Sugar Creek, J. E. Rutherford; Williamsburg, Thomas Evans; Bloomingsport, J. W. Barnes; Emmetsville Mission, D. Gunckel; Richmond Mission, To be supplied.

Marion District—M. Wright, P. E.; Salamony, Robert B. Beaty; Antioch, David O. Farrell; Marion, C. Smith; Greentown, W. C. Ketner; New Lancaster, J. Stanley; Pipe Creek, S. Purtee; Fall Creek, J. B. Tennel; Stoney Creek, B. R. B. Holcom; Selma Mission, J. Kiger.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

1861

West District—Wm. McKee, P. E.; Ossian, D. R. Miller; St. Mary's, W. E. Bay; Murray Mission, T. B. Miller; Bluffton Mission, D. F. Thomas; Mt. Pleasant H. Beber; White River Mission, J. Wagoner; Wabash, J. Buxton.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

1862

East District—C. Brock, P. E.; Concord, J. Cowgill; Shawnee, A. J. Bailey; Chambersburg, Seely Boomer; Ladoga, J. Evans; Lebanon, T. M. Hamilton; Eagletown, W. Forbes; Alamo Mission, George Shigley.

North District—J. A. Kenoyer; Tippecanoe, Wm. Pentzer; Pine, D. A. Beauchamp; Williamsport Mission, A. J. Newgent; Macedonia, A. Throughman; Ash Grove, Wm. Coffman; Middleport, N. B. Odle; Rensselaer, O. Davidson.

South District—James Griffith, P. E.; Coal Creek, J. P. White; Rockville, A. W. Wainscott; Otter Creek, Ira Mater; Walnut Mission, Daniel Mater; Brouillets Creek Mission, J. A. Mast; Perrysville Mission, P. A. Canady; Hickory Grove Mission, To be supplied; Vermilion, Lawrence Zeigler.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

1862

Olney District—Alexander Helton, P. E.; Parkersburg, Samuel Stark; Lawrence, W. M. Hovis; Ferrington, T. Thropp; Jackson County Mission, P. R. Story; Seven Mile Mission, G. W. Young; Flora Mission, B. S. Thropp; Hebron, S. Mills; North Fork, H. Clark.

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Westfield District—S. Coblentz, P. E.; Westfield Station, W. C. Smith; Long Point, Hiram Elwell; Embarras Mission, J. P. Shuey; Okaw, Joseph McKee; Richland Mission, I. W. Williams; Newton, S. Greeson; Fayette, S. Bussard; Prairie City, J. Bright.

East District—S. C. Steward, P. E.; Dolson, J. G. Shuey; New Goshen, J. W. Nye; Paris, D. Ross; Centerpoint, W. M. Givens; Reservoir, J. B. Arnett; Poland, P. Milligan; Wheatland, D. K. Young; Sullivan, J. Grimm.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1862

(Conference was held at Sugar Grove Church, Wayne County, Indiana, August 13, 1862)

Marion District—James S. Wall, P. E.; Salamony, A. B. Tharp; Antioch, C. Smith; Marion, Wm. Hall; Greentown, W. C. Ketner; New Lancaster, B. R. B. Holcom; Pipe Creek, J. Stanley; Fall Creek, Joseph Myers; Stoney Creek, D. Gunckel; Bethel Mission, J. E. Rutherford.

Dublin District—M. Wright, P. E.; Andersonville, H. C. Miller; Abington, J. M. Cook; Franklin, B. F. Morgan; Dublin, P. S. Cook; Williamsburg, Thomas Evans; Bloomingsport, J. T. Vardaman; Sugar Creek, J. B. Ervin; Emmetsville Mission, J. Cranor.

Indianapolis District—David O. Farrell, P. E.; Indianapolis Mission Station, L. S. Chittenden; Pleasantville, Daniel Stover; Honey Creek, A. E. Evans; Palestine, Irvin Cox; Morgantown Mission, A. Purtee; Clifty, Amos Hanway; Hartsville Station, C. W. Witt; Blue River, Alexander Carroll.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

1862

West District—J. Wilkinson, P. E.; Ossian, D. R. Miller; Murray Mission, M. Johnson; Mount Pleasant, T. B. Miller; St. Mary's, W. E. Bay and J. Buxton; White River Mission, G. W. Holden; Wabash, D. F. Thomas.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

1863

East District—H. Elwell, P. E.; New Goshen, J. W. Nye; Centerpoint, J. Cottman; Poland, J. W. Allenbaugh; Lancaster, P. Milligan; Sullivan, S. C. Steward; Dolson, J. Bright; Wheatland, D. K. Young; Reservoir, J. Sheets.

Westfield District—W. M. Givens, P. E.; Westfield Station, G. W. Keller; Paris, D. Ross; Long Point, A. Helton; Prairie City, G. W. Young; Newton, J. Grimm; Richland, I. W. Williams; Ancola and Okaw, J. McKee and W. R. Shuey.

Olney District—S. Mills, P. E.; North Fork, T. B. Thropp; Hebron, J. F. Moore; Lawrence, Samuel Stark; Parkersburg, D. Stoltz; Flora Mission, W. M. Hovis; Massac, J. G. Shuey; Fayette, S. G. Brock.

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UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

1863

East District—J. A. Kenoyer, P. E.; Tippecanoe, Wm. Pentzer; Concord, A. J. Newgent; Lebanon, Campbell Brock; Eagletown, W. A. Forbes; Shawnee, A. W. Wainscott; Ladoga, Joseph Cooper; Otter Creek, J. M. Duffield; Coal Creek, Ira Mater; Rockville, J. P. White; Chambersburg, Seely Bloomer.

West District—T. M. Hamilton, P. E.; Pine, D. A. Beauchamp; Rensselaer, A. Throughman; Middleport, O. Davidson; Ash Grove, W. N. Coffman; Macedonia, P. A. Canady; Williamsport, A. J. Bailey; Vermilion, L. Zeigler; Perrysville, J. Cowgill; Brouillets Creek, J. A. Mast; Hickory Grove, A. J. Gear.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1863

(Conference met at Xenia, Miami County, Indiana, August 13, 1863)

Marion District—D. O. Farrell, P. E.; Salamony Circuit, A. B. Tharp; Antioch, L. W. Matthews; Marion, J. Stanley; Greentown, J. E. Rutherford; Pipe Creek, Arthur Rector; Fall Creek, Alexander Carroll; Stoney Creek, W. C. Ketner; Bethel Mission, D. Gunckel.

Indianapolis District—M. Wright, P. E.; Clifty, Halleck Floyd; Hartsville Station, C. W. Witt; Palestine, A. King; Blue River, W. Nichols; Sugar Creek, J. B. Ervin; Indianapolis Station, L. S. Chittenden; Pleasant View, Thomas Evans; Honey Creek, B. F. Morgan.

Dublin District—J. T. Vardaman, P. E.; Andersonville, J. Myers; Franklin, J. B. Tennell; Abington Mission, H. K. Muth; Dublin, Peter S. Cook; Williamsburg, A. E. Evans; West River, C. Smith; Bloomingsport, Milton Harris; Emmetsville, J. Cranor.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

1863

West District—Wm. McKee, P. E.; Ossian, D. R. Miller; Mount Pleasant, D. F. Thomas; St. Mary's, J. L. Luttrell; Wabash, To be supplied; White River, J. Hiestand.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

1864

Westfield District—S. Mills, P. E.; Westfield, Hiram Elwell; Vermilion and Paris, J. F. Moore; Prairie City, G. W. Young; Richland, S. G. Brock; Okaw, J. Williams; Mulberry Grove, D. Ross; Ashmore, S. Bussard.

East District—J. W. Nye, P. E.; New Goshen, G. W. Keller; Terre Haute, A. J. Newgent; Centerpoint, J. W. Allenbaugh; Poland and Lancaster, D. K. Young; Reservoir, J. Sheets; Sullivan, To be supplied.

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Olney District—W. M. Givens, P. E.; Dolson, A. Helton; Long Point, J. P. Shuey; Fayette, S. C. Steward; North Fork, J. J. Page; Hebron, J. G. Shuey; Lawrence, S. Stark; Parkersburg, W. H. Jones; Flora, P. R. Story; Massac, Wm. Hays.

1864

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference was held at College Chapel, Hartsville, Bartholomew County, Indiana, August 17, 1864)

Marion District—C. Smith, P. E.; Antioch, D. O. Farrell; Salamony, A. B. Tharp; Marion, W. C. Ketner; Greentown, J. Stanley; Pipe Creek, To be supplied; Fall Creek, Robert B. Beaty; Stoney Creek, Alexander Carroll; Bethel Mission, A. Rector.

Dublin District—A. E. Evans, P. E.; Andersonville, To be supplied; Franklin, Peter S. Cook; Abington Mission, C. W. Smith; Dublin, James S. Wall; West River, J. Cranor; Williamsburg, M. R. Harris; Emmetsville Mission, W. Vickers.

Indianapolis District—Daniel Stover, P. E.; Indianapolis Mission, Thomas Evans; Pleasant View, H. K. Muth; Honey Creek, J. Myers; Clifty, Halleck Floyd; Sugar Creek, Robert B. Beaty; Blue River, W. Nichols; Hartsville, To be supplied.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

West District—H. S. Thomas, P. E.; Ossian, J. W. Wagoner; St. Mary's, A. Douglas; Mt. Pleasant, J. Hiestand; Wabash, W. A. Kindle; White River Mission, H. Davis.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

East District—J. Cowgill, P. E.; Tippecanoe, J. M. Duffield; Shawnee, Wm. Forbes; Lebanon, Joseph Cooper; Ladoga, T. M. Hamilton; Rockville, D. A. Beauchamp; Walnut Mission, L. J. Coly; Chambersburg, J. P. White; Coal Creek, Ira Mater; Eagletown, Josiah Killdon.

West District—J. A. Kenoyer, P. E.; Brouillets Creek, W. N. Coffman; Perrysville, A. J. Bailey; Vermilion, R. Edmondson; Ash Grove, Wm. Pentzer; Rensselaer, L. Zeigler; Gilboa, Wm. Willmore; Pine, A. W. Wainscott; Williamsport Mission, D. Mater; Macedonia Mission, J. Garrison; Middleport, A. Throughman.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Olney District—W. M. Givens, P. E.; Parkersburg, C. H. Jones; Lawrence, Martin Hale; Long Point, J. H. Watson; Hebron, J. H. Stark; Flora, S. Keagy; Massac, G. W. Young; Fayette, S. C. Steward.

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Westfield District—S. Mills, P. E.; Westfield, Hiram Elwell; Ashmore, S. Bussard; Dolson, A. Helton; Mulberry Grove, D. Ross; Arcola, I. W. Williams; Okaw, S. Ross; Richland, M. Bechtel; Prairie City, George Howe.

East District—J. W. Nye, P. E.; Wheatland, J. Sheets; Lancaster, J. W. Allenbaugh; Reservoir, A. J. Newgent; Poland, D. K. Young; Center Point, J. G. Shuey; Terre Haute Mission, P. Milligan; New Goshen, G. W. Keller; Vermilion Mission, H. Harrell.

1865

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference was held at Blue River Church, Shelby County, Indiana, August 17, 1865)

Indianapolis District—C. Smith, P. E.; Indianapolis Station, Thomas Evans; New Britton, H. K. Muth; Mount Zion, Joseph Myers; Honey Creek, James S. Wall; Clifty, W. J. Pruner; Hartsville, To be supplied; Blue River, A. E. Evans; Flat Rock Mission, B. F. Morgan.

Dublin District—D. Stover, P. E.; Garrison Creek Mission, C. W. Smith; Franklin, G. Muth; White River Mission, Peter S. Cook; Dublin, H. Floyd; Williamsburg, M. Wright; West River, J. T. Vardaman; Emmetsville Mission, A. Rector.

Marion District—A. Hanway, P. E.; Salamony, D. O. Farrell; Antioch, A. B. Tharp; Marion, W. C. Ketner; Greentown, Robert B. Beaty; Middletown, M. R. Harris, M. L. Bailey; Stoney Creek, Alexander Carroll; Bethel Mission, W. Vicker; Pipe Creek, A. Purtee; Morgantown, J. K. Lawrence.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

East District—T. M. Hamilton, P. E.; Shawnee, D. Mater; Chambersburg, A. J. Bailey; Ladoga, S. Hardesty; Lebanon, J. M. Duffield; Eagletown, D. Zurface; Tippecanoe, J. S. Cooper; Coal Creek, Wm. Forbes.

North District—J. Cowgill, P. E.; Pine, A. W. Wainscott; Williamsport, D. Brown; Macedonia, W. Shoemaker; Ash Grove, H. Johns; Middleport, R. Edmondson; Rensselaer, J. Garrison; Gilboa, L. Zeigler.

South District—Campbell Brock, P. E.; Fairmount, P. A. Canady; Rockville, D. A. Beauchamp; Prairie Mission, J. A. Smith; Brouillets Creek, Ira Mater; Perrysville, W. N. Coffman; Vermilion, Wm. Pentzer.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Westfield District—S. Mills, P. E.; Westfield Station, L. S. Chittenden; Ashmore, A. Bennett; Grand Prairie, I. H. Williams; Vermilion, A. J. Newgent; Arcola, A. Bailey; Prairie City, P. Milligan; Okaw, M. Bechtel; Richland, J. D. Cardwell.

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Olney District—G. W. Keller, P. E.; Parkersburg, A. Ross; Lawrence, H. Clark; Hebron, S. Bussard; Long Point, Samuel Stark; Fayette, J. Kasting; Flora, S. G. Brock; Dolson, D. Ross; Wheatland, C. H. Jones.

Terre Haute District—H. Elwell, P. E.; Terre Haute Mission Station, W. M. Givens; Prairieton, T. Guisinger; Highland, J. Sheets; New Goshen, J. G. Shuey; Centerpoint, J. H. Watson; Poland, J. B. Arnett; Lancaster, A. Collins.

1866

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Dublin, Indiana, August 8, 1866)

Marion District—M. Wright, P. E.; Salamony, W. C. Ketner; Antioch, A. B. Tharp; Greentown, W. Hall; Marion, L. W. Matthews; Pipe Creek, Mission, J. Stanley; Middletown, C. Smith; Stoney Creek, M. R. Harris; Bethel, Alexander Carroll.

Indianapolis District—Peter S. Cook, P. E.; New Britton, J. Myers; Mount Zion, Robert B. Beaty; Indianapolis Station, Amos Hanway; Honey Creek, I. Cox, Clifton, W. Nichols; Hartsville Station, Thomas Evans; Blue River, S. B. Ervin; West Indianapolis Mission, W. H. Kendrick.

Dublin District—James S. Wall, P. E.; Garrison Creek Mission, J. E. Rutherford; Franklin, B. F. Morgan; White Water Mission, H. C. Miller; Dublin, J. T. Vardaman; West River, H. Floyd; Williamsburg, J. Cranor; White River Mission, M. L. Bailey; Emmetsville Mission, A. Rector.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE*

Terre Haute District—Alexander Collins, P. E.; Centerpoint, John Burtner; Lancaster, C. H. Jones; Bowling Green, B. S. Thropp; New Goshen, A. J. Newgent; Reservoir, W. Cooper; Prairieton, D. Ross; Wheatland, H. Bedwell.

*The reports hereafter include only charges in Indiana.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

Crawfordsville District—Campbell Brock, P. E.; Lebanon, T. M. Hamilton; Stockwell, Wm. Pentzer; Shawnee, J. Cowgill; Coal Creek, A. J. Bailey; Harveysburg, Wm. Forbes; Rockville, J. A. Mast; Ladoga, J. Glaze; Rosedale, W. Shoemaker; Tippecanoe, R. Edmondson; Pine, J. S. Cooper; Eagletown, J. M. Newell.

Perrysville District—J. A. Kenoyer, P. E.; Gilboa, J. Garrison; Iroquois, A. W. Wainscott; Middleport, W. N. Coffman; Ash Grove, H. Johns; Williamsport, L. Zeigler; Vermilion, Ira Mater; Perrysville, Charles G. Eaton; Brouillets Creek, S. Garrigus; Macedonia, To be supplied.

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1867

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference was held at Daleville, Indiana, August 7, 1867)

Marion District—W. C. Ketner, P. E.; Marion, J. R. Brown; Antioch, Alexander Carroll; Salamony, A. B. Tharp; Greentown, Cyrus Smith; Xenia Mission, B. R. B. Holcom; Pipe Creek, J. Stanley; Middletown, Arthur Rector; Stoney Creek, Halleck Floyd; Bethel Mission, Thomas Bell.

Dublin District—Milton Wright, P. E.; White Water Mission, Arthur True; Franklin, L. W. Crawford; New Castle, H. K. Muth; West River, John T. Vardaman; Williamsburg, John Cranor; White River Mission, Milo L. Bailey; Emmetsville, J. E. Rutherford.

Indianapolis District—Thomas Evans, P. E.; New Britton, Aaron Davis; Mount Zion, Robert B. Beaty; Blue River, Irvin Cox; Indianapolis Station, Peter S. Cook; Indianapolis Mission Station, W. J. Pruner; Honey Creek Circuit, Wm. Nichols; Clifty, James S. Wall.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

West District—J. Wilkinson, P. E.; Ossian, J. L. Luttrell; Rock Creek, A. Douglas; Mount Pleasant, J. Hiestand; St. Mary's, G. W. Miller and A. P. South; Wabash, D. F. Thomas; White River, W. A. Kindle.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Terre Haute District—L. S. Chittenden, P. E.; Terre Haute Mission, H. Elwell; Prairieton, C. H. Jones; New Goshen, A. J. Newgent; Dolson, S. Bussard; Centerpoint, John Burtner; Lancaster, Wm. Cooperider; Reservoir, J. Easton; Wheatland, J. B. Arnett.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

Perrysville District—J. A. Kenoyer, P. E.; Brouillets Creek, J. A. Smith; Perrysville, J. S. Cooper; Vermilion, A. W. Wainscott; Macedonia, L. Zeigler; Ash Grove, J. Sexton; Watseka, W. N. Coffman; Iroquois, J. C. Coffman; Gilboa, J. A. Lamb; Pine, J. Cowgill; Fairmount, W. Sherrill.

Crawfordsville District—Ira Mater, P. E.; Eagletown, Campbell Brock; Lebanon, Wm. Forves; Ladoga, J. Glaze; Rosedale, J. M. Newell; Rockville, W. Shoemaker; Harveysburg, J. Waymire; Coal Creek, J. Garrison; Tippecanoe, J. W. Foster; Thorntown, L. Kerns.

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1868

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference was held at Hartsville, Bartholomew County, Indiana, August 12-16, 1868)

Indianapolis District—A. E. Evans, P. E.; Indianapolis Station, B. F. Morgan; Indianapolis Mission Station, S. B. Ervin; Honey Creek, Aaron Davis; Blue River and Clifty, not given; Hartsville Station, Milton Wright; New Britton, J. M. Cook; Lanesville, L. W. Crawford; Fleenor Mission, To be supplied.

Dublin District—James S. Wall, P. E.; Williamsburg, M. L. Bailey; Franklin, not given; White Water Mission, Alexander Carroll; New Castle, H. Floyd; Emmetsville, D. Gunckel; White River, G. H. Byrd; West River, M. R. Harris.

Marion District—W. C. Ketner, P. E.; Salamony, J. Rutherford; Antioch Mission, To be supplied; Wabash, C. Smith; Marion, A. B. Tharp; Greentown, Robert B. Beaty; Pipe Creek Mission, T. Bell; Xenia Mission, B. R. B. Holcom; Middletown, M. Groenendyke; Stoney Creek, John T. Vardaman; Bethel, A, Rector.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

West District—W. E. Bay, P. E.; Ossian, George Miller; Rock Creek Mission, D. F. Thomas; Mount Pleasant, A. Douglas; Wabash, T. Hiestand; White River, W. A. Kindle; St. Mary's, S. S. Walls.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

Crawfordsville District—Campbell Brock, P. E.; Tippecanoe, J. Anderson; Shawnee, Ira Mater; Lebanon, S. L. Roberds; Ladoga, J. Garrison; Coal Creek, J. Glaze; Harveysburg, W. A. Forbes; Rockville, W. N. Coffman; Rosedale, W. N. Clark; Mansfield, J. M. Newell; Thorntown, L. Kerns.

Perrysville District—J. Cowgill, P. E.; Brouillets Creek, J. A. Smith; Vermilion, L. Zeigler; Iroquois, J. A. Mast; Watseka, J. A. Lamb; Gilboa, Wm. Pentzer; Pine, J. A. Kenoyer; Perrysville, J. S. Cooper; Georgetown, N. Shesler; Macedonia, George Meyers; Ash Grove, J. Sexton.

1869

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference was held at Sparrow Creek Chapel, Indiana, August 12-16, 1869)

Indianapolis District—Daniel Stover, P. E.; Hartsville Station, D. Schuck; Fleenor Mission, T. Cox; Clifty, M. Groenendyke; Honey Creek, S. B. Ervin; Blue River, Thomas Evans; Indianapolis Mission Station, C. W. Witt; Lanesville, W. J. Pruner; New Britton, L. W. Crawford; Middletown, M. L. Bailey; Pipe Creek Mission, Aaron Davis; Greentown, J. M. Cook; Xenia, Alexander Carroll.

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Dublin District—John T. Vardaman, P. E.; Franklin, J. M. Kabrich; Dublin, John Cranor; West River, H. Floyd; Williamsburg, A. E. Evans; Emmetsville, A. Rector; Winchester, G. H. Byrd; Stoney Creek, M. R. Harris; Bethel, Thomas Bell; Salamony, B. R. B. Holcom; Wabash, W. C. Ketner; Salem Mission, A. P. Stout.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Terre Haute District—J. W. Nye, P. E.; New Goshen, R. W. Belknap; Prairieton, W. Cooperider; Dolson, John Burtner; Lancaster, J. Cottman; Centerpoint, R. L. Brengle; Terre Haute Mission Station, P. Milligan; Edwardsport, O. P. Hurst; Reservoir, E. L. Joslyn; Sullivan, P. Flack.

Report of Upper Wabash Conference could not be obtained.

1870

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference was held at Greensfork, Indiana, August 24, 1870)

Indianapolis District—Daniel Stover, P. E.; Clifty Circuit, A. E. Evans; Honey Creek, S. B. Ervin; Blue River, Irvin Cox; Indianapolis Mission Station, William J. Pruner; Lanesville, W. C. Day; Fall Creek, L. W. Crawford; Middletown, M. L. Bailey; Pipe Creek Mission, Abraham Rust; Greentown, Alexander Carroll; Xenia, A. P. Stout; Mill Creek Mission, L. W. Matthews.

Dublin District—J. T. Vardaman, P. E.; Franklin, Halleck Floyd; Dublin, J. M. Kabrich; West River, J. M. Cook; Williamsburg, Thomas Evans; Bloomingsport, M. Groenendyke; Winchester, M. R. Harris; Emmetsville, B. R. B. Holcom; Stoney Creek, J. Cranor; Bethel Mission, G. H. Byrd; Salamony, A. B. Tharp; Wabash, J. R. Brown; Greensfork Mission, D. Gunckel.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

West District—J. Wilkinson, P. E.; Mount Pleasant, T. Carroll; Pleasant Mills, D. J. Schenck; Rock Creek, F. B. Hendrix; Wabash, J. Hiestand; Union City Mission, A. Douglass; Zanesville, George Miller; St. Mary's, H. Beber.

The appointments of the Upper Wabash Conference could not be obtained.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Terre Haute District—A. Helton, P. E.; Terre Haute Mission Station, P. Milligan; Prairieton, E. L. Joslin; Reservoir, A. C. Collins; Edwardsport, O. P. Hurst; Lancaster, R. Clark; Centerpoint, R. L. Brengle; New Goshen, A. J. Newgent; Dolson, Jacob Sheets; Sullivan, S. Stark.

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1871

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference was held near Lincolnville, Indiana, August 23, 1871)

Indianapolis District—Simon B. Ervin, P. E.; Clifty, L. W. Crawford; Blue River, Halleck Floyd; Honey Creek, William C. Day; Indianapolis Station, Thomas Evans; Fall Creek, A. Rector; Fortville, Alexander Carroll; Middletown, M. L. Bailey; Pipe Creek, Abraham Rust; Greentown, A. P. Stout; Xenia, Cyrus Smith.

Dublin District—A. E. Evans, P. E.; Franklin, Milton R. Harris; Dublin, John M. Kabrich; Greensfork, David Gunckel; Williamsburg, John T. Vardaman; West River, James M. Cook; White River, B. R. B. Holcom; Bloomingsport, J. A. Bailey; Stoney Creek, Monroe Groenendyke; Fairmount, William Hall; Wabash, John R. Brown; Salamony, To be supplied.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

West District—J. L. Luttrell, P. E.; Pleasant Mills, L. T. Johnson; Mount Pleasant, J. W. Wentz; Rock Creek, A. Douglass; Wabash, L. S. Farber; Zanesville, D. J. Schenck; St. Mary's, J. Hiestand; Saratoga, S. T. Mahan.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Terre Haute District—A. Collins, P. E.; Terre Haute Mission Station, A. Helton; Prairieton, J. Burtner; Centerpoint, S. W. Zeller; Reservoir, O. P. Hurst; Lancaster, E. L. Joslin; Dolson, J. Sheets; New Goshen, A. J. Newgent; Edwardsport, J. Helton; Sullivan, S. Stark; Stockton, M. Harry.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

Crawfordsville District—T. M. Hamilton, P. E.; Tippecanoe, David Brown; Shawnee, S. Garrigus, H. D. Teague; Lebanon, A. W. Wainscott; Ladoga, W. S. Peters; Coal Creek, J. Surface; Harveysburg, Ira Mater; Annapolis, J. A. Smith; Mansfield, D. S. Kelley; Cloverland, D. Z. Lowe.

Perrysville District—D. A. Beauchamp, P. E.; Pine, J. S. Cooper; Gilboa, J. H. Anderson; Watseka, M. L. Cheadle; Iroquois, L. Zeigler; Perrysville, A. S. Cobb; Vermilion, R. F. Edmonson; Brouillets Creek, J. M. Newell; Ash Grove, J. Garrison; Williamsport, Charles G. Eaton; Danville, W. N. Coffman; Pilot Grove, H. E. Rice; Jordan, G. D. Shapley.

1872

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference was held at Hartsville, Indiana, August 14, 1872)

Indianapolis District—Andrew Elliott Evans, P. E.; Indianapolis Mission Station, William C. Day; Honey Creek, Abraham Rust; Hartsville Station, Simon B. Ervin; Clifty, L. W. Crawford; Blue River, James M. Cook; Middle-

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town, John M. Kabrich; Pipe Creek, B. R. B. Holcom; Greentown, Monroe Groenendyke; Xenia, Cyrus Smith; Fall Creek, G. H. Byrd; Fortville, William Hall.

Dublin District—Thomas Evans, P. E.; Franklin, Halleck Floyd; White Water, George W. Beard; Dublin, Milo L. Bailey; Greensfork, Elias Bowman; Williamsburg, John T. Vardaman; West River, J. A. Bailey; Bloomingsport, John Cranor; White River, David Gunckel; Stoney Creek, Milton R. Harris; Fairmount, Alexander Carroll; Wabash, William C. Ketner; Salamony, B. R. B. Holcom.

The appointments of the Auglaize Conference could not be obtained.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Terre Haute District—A. Collins, P. E.; Terre Haute Mission Station, P. Milligan; Prairieton, A. J. Newgent; Middlebury, E. L. Joslyn; Centerpoint, To be supplied; New Goshen, J. Sheets; Howesville, O. P. Hurst; Edwardsport, J. R. Helton; Sullivan, J. F. Lawrence; Dolson, S. Stark.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

Rockville District—James Griffith, P. E.; Cloverland Mission, J. Garrison; Mansfield, B. F. Low; Rockville, To be supplied; Annapolis, D. S. Kelley; Harveysburg, J. M. Newell; Coal Creek, S. Garrigus; Lebanon, W. S. Peters; Ladoga, J. F. Sherrill.

Green Hill District—J. Cowgill, P. E.; Concord Mission, W. M. Clark; Shawnee, J. A. Smith; Tippecanoe, D. Brown; Pine, T. M. Hamilton; Gilboa, and Rensselaer, H. D. Teague and M. L. Comer; Iroquois, L. Zeigler; Williamsport, W. Pentzer.

Perrysville District—J. S. Cooper, P. E.; Watseka, H. E. Rice; Ash Grove Mission, S. Cowgill; Sugar Creek, M. L. Cheadle; Vermilion, R. F. Edmonson; Jordan Mission, J. D. Shapley; Perrysville, J. H. Anderson; Danville, W. N. Coffman; Brouillets Creek, Ira Mater; Pilot Grove, E. Shuey.

1873

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference was held at Dublin, Indiana, August 15, 1873)

Indianapolis District—Andrew Elliott Evans, P. E.; Clifty, Irvin Cox; Blue River, D. P. Rubush; Bridgeport Mission, William C. Day; Indianapolis Mission Station, Caleb W. Witt; Fall Creek, George Muth; Fortville, Monroe Groenendyke; Pipe Creek, Amos R. Day; Tipton Mission, Sylvester Bias; Honey Creek, L. W. Crawford; Hartsville Station, Simon B. Ervin.

Marion District—Thomas Evans, P. E.; Marion, Cyrus Smith; Greentown, William Hall; Xenia, G. H. Byrd; Mill Grove Mission, B. R. B. Holcom; Salamony, Alexander Carroll; Wabash, Abraham Rust; Middletown, John M. Kabrich; Bethel, Arthur Rector.

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Dublin District—Halleck Floyd, P. E.; Dublin, Milo L. Bailey; Stoney Creek, Milton R. Harris; West River, John T. Vardaman; Bloomingsport, Elias Bowman; Williamsburg, David O. Farrell; Greensfork, Charles R. Paddock; Franklin, James M. Cook; White Water, Henry C. Miller.

The appointments of this Auglaize Conference could not be obtained.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Olney District—Alexander Collins, P. E.; Middlebury, R. L. Brengle; Prairieton, Andrew Jackson Newgent; Reservoir, J. Ratcliff.

Westfield District—Samuel Mills, P. E.; Dolson, W. F. Green; New Goshen, S. W. Zeller; Sullivan, J. Sheets; Terre Haute Mission, W. E. Bay; Centerpoint, W. H. Long.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

Crawfordsville District—Joseph S. Cooper, P. E.; Cloverland, D. A. Kelley; Mansfield, William Pentzer; Annapolis, J. Garrison; Harveysburg, J. M. Newell; Ladoga, S. Cowgill; Lebanon, H. S. Peters; Concord, H. D. Teague; Coal Creek, Samuel Garrigus; Shawnee, J. A. Smith.

Green Hill District—T. M. Hamilton, P. E.; Attica, William M. Jones; Gilboa, Robert L. Edmondson; Tippecanoe, J. Glaze; Rensselaer, M. L. Cheadle; Fowler, Lawrence Zeigler; Iroquois, G. D. Shapley; Pine, A. J. Bailey; Watseka, H. E. Rice.

Perrysville District—A. W. Wainscott, P. E.; Ash Grove, M. L. Comer; Danville, James Griffith; Brouillets Creek, J. H. Anderson; Perrysville, Ira Mater; Jordan, F. Sherrill; Sugar Creek, F. Wilson; Vermilion, W. N. Coffman, and W. Glaze.

1874

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference was held at Daleville, Indiana, September 10, 1874)

Indianapolis District—Simon B. Ervin, P. E.; Clifty, James M. Cook; Blue River, Felix M. DeMunbrun; Bridgeport Mission, To be supplied; Indianapolis Mission Station, Thomas J. Conner; Fall Creek, Thomas J. Halstead; Fortville, Zachary T. Halstead; Perkinsville, Zedekiah McNew; Tipton, Sylvester Bias; Honey Creek, Irvin Cox.

Marion District—Halleck Floyd, P. E.; Greentown, Monroe Groenendyke; Xenia, William Hall; Marion Mission, L. W. Matthews; Dundee, David O. Farrell; Salamony, Charles R. Paddock; Lincolnville, Abraham Rust; Mississinewa Mission, George H. Byrd; Bethel, William E. Mosier; Middletown, William C. Day; Warrington Mission, William A. Oler.

Dublin District—John T. Vardaman, P. E.; Stoney Creek, J. M. Kabrich; Greensfork Mission, Caleb W. Witt; West River, Andrew Elliott Evans; Dublin, Thomas Evans; White River, Alexander Carroll; Franklin, Aaron Davis; Williamsburg, Milo L. Bailey; Bloomingsport, Elias Bowman.

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LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Terre Haute District—William McGinnus, P. E.; Centerpoint, J. Sheets; Middlebury, R. L. Brengle; New Goshen, D. Ross; Prairieton, W. H. Long; Reservoir, C. T. Hussong; Sullivan, M. Bechtel, Elisha England; Dolson, P. H, Wagoner; Oaktown, R. A. Gibson.

The appointments of this Upper Wabash Conference could not be obtained.

1875

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Williamsburg, Indiana, August 18, 1875)

Indianapolis District—John T. Vardaman, P. E.; Clifty, S. B. Ervin; Honey Creek, Andrew Elliott Evans; Blue River, Felix M. DeMunbrun; Indianapolis, Thomas J. Connor; Fall Creek, Zedekiah McNew; Fortsville, James M. Ware; Perkinsville, Zachary T. Halstead; Tipton, Thomas J. Halstead; Middletown, William C. Day.

Marion District—Halleck Floyd, P. E.; Kokomo Mission Station, Daniel Stover; Greentown, Sylvester Bias; Xenia, B. R. B. Holcom; Marion Mission, L. N. Jones; Lincolnville, Frank M. Moore; Bethel, William Hall; Salamony, Abraham Rust; Dundee, W. C. Ketner; Mississinewa Mission, W. E. Mosier.

Dublin District—D. O. Farrell, P. E.; White Water, Alexander Carroll; Franklin, A. C. Rice; Dublin, Thomas Evans; West River, M. R. Harris; Stoney Creek, J. M. Kabrich; Williamsburg, E. Bowman; Bloomingsport, M. Groenendyke.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

West District—H. S. Thomas, P. E.; Mount Pleasant, G. H. Bonnell; Pleasant Grove, D. W. Abbott; St. Mary's, J. W. Wentz; Zanesville, Merritt Miller; Rock Creek, M. Johnson; Pleasant Mills, W. S. Fields; Saratoga, J. W. Nicodemus.

Union District—William Miller, P. E.; Fort Wayne Mission, R. W. Wilgus; Wabash, W. A. Kindel.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

Green Hill District—J. S. Cooper, P. E.; Gilboa, W. S. Peters; Tippecanoe, A. W. Wainscott; Rensselaer, J. E. Bruner; Iroquois, H. E. Rice; Boswell, M. L. Cheadle; Fairview, H. T. Vangordon; Pine, To be supplied; Watseka, G. D. Shapley.

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Crawfordsville District—J. W. Nye, P. E.; Annapolis, D. S. Kelley; Mansfield, H. D. Teague; Cloverland, S. Cowgill; Harveysburg, J. A. Smith; Coal Creek, W. N. Coffman; Lebanon, H. Johns; Philadelphia, J. F. Sherrill; Concord, Lawrence Zeigler; Shawnee, S. Garrigus; Ladoga, S. C. Zuck.

Perrysville District—J. W. Newell, P. E.; Perrysville, J. R. Scott; Brouillets Creek, James Griffith; Pilot Grove, W. Watson; Marysville, M. L. Comer; Bismark, W. Buck; Hoopston, A. M. Snyder; Rossville, J. H. Anderson; Ash Grove, J. Garrison.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Westfield District—W. McGinnus, P. E.; Centerpoint, A. J. Newgent; New Goshen, D. Ross; Sullivan, P. Brock; Middlebury, R. W. Belknap; Prairieton, W. H. Long; Terre Haute, H. Elwell; Reservoir, J. R. Helton; Oaktown, J. L. Cardwell; Dolson, P. H. Wagner.

1876

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Hartsville, Indiana, August 12, 1876)

Indianapolis District—Halleck Floyd, P. E.; Hartsville Station, Thomas Evans; Clifty, Monroe Groenendyke; Honey Creek, John M. Kabrich; Fall Creek, Aaron Davis, and William Gossett; Middletown, William Hall, and Zachary Taylor Halstead; Tipton, Zedekiah McNew; Blue River, Archibald C. Rice.

Dublin District—Simon B. Ervin, P. E.; White Water, Felix M. DeMunbrun; Franklin, Andrew Elliott Evans; Dublin, William C. Day; Williamsburg, John T. Vardaman; West River, Abraham Rust; Bloomingsport, William A. Oler; Stoney Creek, Elias Bowman.

Marion District—Milo L. Bailey, P. E.; Perkinsville, Alexander Carroll; Xenia, William E. Mosier, and Joseph Y. DeMunbrun; Marion, Levi N. Jones; Lincolnville, David O. Farrell, and Thomas McCracken; Bethel, Thomas J. Halstead; Salamony, James M. Cook; Montpelier Mission, James M. Ware; Mississinewa Mission, Sylvester Bias; Indianapolis, Unsupplied; Kokomo, Unsupplied.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

West District—William Miller, P. E.; Mount Pleasant, D. F. Thomas; Pleasant Mills, M. Early; Rock Creek, H. Beaber; Saratoga, J. W. Nicodemus; Fort Wayne Mission Station, R. W. Wilgus; Wabash, Thomas Coats; Zanesville, Merit Miller; Pleasant Grove, William A. Kindle; St. Mary's, J. W. Wentz.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

Crawfordsville District—J. W. Nye, P. E.; Crawfordsville, D. S. Kelley; Cloverland, W. Watson; Eagletown, J. F. Sherrill; Harveysburg, J. A. Smith; Mansfield, William Buck; Coal Creek, S. C. Zuck; Lebanon, T. M. Hamilton; Concord, L. Zeigler; Annapolis, H. D. Teague; Shawnee, A. W. Wainscott.

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Perrysville District—J. M. Newell, P. E.; Brouillets Creek, H. E. Rice; Bismark, Henry Johns; Ambia, D. Miller; Ash Grove, J. E. Bruner; Marysville, C. S. Peck; Perrysville, J. R. Scott; Pilot Grove, J. Wilson; Milford, James Nolan; Rossville, J. H. Anderson.

Green Hill District—W. N. Coffman, P. E.; Gilboa, W. S. Peters; Independence, I. Fleetwood; Iroquois, J. S. Cooper; Tippecanoe, J. Garrison; Round Grove, R. F. Edmondson; Pine, J. Cowgill; Rensselaer, G. D. Shapley; Sheldon, M. L. Cheadle; Watseka, S. Cowgill.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Westfield District—C. H. Jones, P. E.; Center Point, S. Schlosser; Middlebury, J. Burtner; New Goshen, A. B. Peters; Prairieton, J. L. Brandenburg; Sullivan, P. Brock; Reservoir, J. L. Cardwell; Terre Haute, H. Elwell; Dolson, D. Ross; Oaktown, J. L. Cardwell.

1877

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Blue River Chapel, Shelby County, Indiana, August 15, 1877)

Dublin District—W. C. Day, P. E.; Hartsville, Simon B. Ervin; Blue River, Thomas Evans; Clifty, Irvin Cox; Honey Creek, Thomas J. Halstead; Fall Creek, William Gossett; Indianapolis Station, To be supplied; Middletown, Milo L. Bailey; New Castle Station, J. Austin Bailey; West River, John T. Vardaman; Dublin, Felix M. DeMunbrun; White Water, Monroe Groenendyke; Franklin, Andrew Elliott Evans.

Marion District—Halleck Floyd, P. E.; Williamsburg, William A. Oler; Bloomingsport, Abraham Rust; Stoney Creek, Francis M. Moore; Bethel, Elias Bowman; Perkinsville, James Madison Cook; Tipton Mission, Henry Huffman; Xenia, William E. Mosier; Lincolnville, John M. Kabrich; Marion, Levi N. Jones; Salamony, Zedekiah McNew; Montpelier Mission, Augustus C. Wilmore; Mississinewa Mission, Archibald C. Rice.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

West District—E. Counsellor, P. E.; Saratoga, W. H. Ogle; Mount Pleasant, L. T. Johnson; Fort Wayne, J. L. Luttrell; Zanesville, P. B. Williams; Pleasant Mills, I. Imler; Wabash, J. H. Kiracofe; Rock Creek, W. S. Fields; St. Mary's, T. Coats; Pleasant Grove, William Kiracofe.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

Crawfordsville District—J. W. Nye, P. E.; Annapolis, W. N. Coffman; Crawfordsville, A. M. Snyder; Cloverland, B. F. Low; Coal Creek, S. C. Zuck; Concord, J. Glaze; Eagletown, W. Sherrill; Harveysburg, H. Johns; Lebanon, William Vail; Mansfield, W. T. Sherrill.

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Green Hill District—T. M. Hamilton, P. E.; Gilboa, W. S. Peters; Independence, R. F. Edmondson; Iroquois, J. A. Smith; Danville, J. Hoobler; Pine, J. M. Newell; Rensselaer, J. E. Bruner; Sheldon, C. L. Peck; Shawnee, M. L. Comer; Tippecanoe, G. D. Shapley; Watseka, S. H. Cheadle.

Perrysville District—A. W. Wainscott, P. E.; Ash Grove, W. H. Jones; Ambia, J. W. Noland; Blue Mound, T. O. Beaty; Brouillets Creek, H. E. Rice; Milford, J. F. Miller; Marysville, J. S. Cooper; Pilot Grove, S. Cowgill; Perrysville, J. R. Scott; Rossville, J. H. Anderson.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Terre Haute District—W. McGinnus, P. E.; Centerpoint, J. L. Brandenburg; Dolson, D. Ross; Middlebury, J. Sheets; New Goshen, A. B. Peters; Prairieton, S. Sehlosser; Reservoir, J. L. Cardwell; Sullivan, J. Cowgill; Terre Haute, H. Elwell; Oaktown, W. D. Morgan.

1878

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Bethlehem, Wabash County, Indiana, August 14, 1878)

Dublin District—Halleck Floyd, P. E.; Dublin, William C. Day; Williamsburg, John T. Vardaman; Franklin, William A. Oler; White Water, Asbury Myer; Clifty, Levi N. Jones; Salt Creek, Thomas J. Halstead; Blue River, Cyrus Smith; Honey Creek, Thomas Evans; Indianapolis, Mission Station, Daniel Stover; Fall Creek, Irvin Cox; Warrington, William Gossett; New Castle, Andrew Elliott Evans.

Marion District—Simon B. Ervin, P. E.; Marion, Zedekiah McNew; Bethel, C. B. Small; Stoney Creek, Milo L. Bailey; Bloomingsport, Felix M. DeMunbrun; Mississinewa, Joseph Y. DeMunbrun; Montpelier Mission, A. C. Wilmore; Salamony, Abraham Rust; Lincolnville, John M. Kabrich; Xenia, A. Rector Tipton Mission, H. Huffman; Perkinsville, J. M. Cook; Middletown, F. M. Moore.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

West District—E. Counsellor, P. E.; Saratoga, W. H. Ogle; Mount Pleasant, L. T. Johnson; Fort Wayne Mission, J. L. Luttrell; Pleasant Mills, A. Ruble; Rock Creek, W. S. Fields; Wabash, William A. Kindel; Zanesville, P. B. Williams; Pleasant Grove, G. H. Bonnell; St. Mary's, Thomas Coats.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

Green Hill District—J. W. Nye, P. E.; Gilboa, J. S. Smith; Independence, R. F. Edmondson Iroquois, W. S. Peters; Milford, S. H. Cheadle; Pine, H. E. Rice; Remington, C. L. Peck; Rensselaer, J. E. Bruner; Tippecanoe, S. Cowgill; Sheldon, W. Buck; Watseka, J. F. Miller.

Perrysville District—T. M. Hamilton, P. E.; Ash Grove, H. Merideth; Brouillets Creek, T. O. Beatty; Blue Mound, W. Watson; Perrysville, A. W. Wainscott; Newport, S. Garrigus; Cole Creek, W. Jaggers; Danville, W. H. Jones; Marysville, J. R. Scott; Pilot Grove, W. H. Sherrill; Rossville, F. E. Penny.

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LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Terre Haute District—W. McGinnis, P. E.; Centerpoint, J. L. Brandenburg; Dolson, D. Ross; Middlebury, J. Sheets; New Goshen, J. G. Shuey; Prairieton, J. L. Cardwell; Sullivan, H. W. Rebock; Reservoir, S. Keagy; Terre Haute, M. R. Bair; Oaktown, J. Asbury.

1879

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Warrington, Indiana, August 20, 1879)

Dublin District—John T. Vardaman, P. E.; Dublin, Milo L. Bailey; Williamsburg, Felix M. DeMunbrun; Franklin, William A. Oler; White Water, Asbury Myer; Clifty, Isaac M. Tharp; Blue River, William C. Day; Honey Creek, Thomas Evans; Indianapolis Mission Station, Levi N. Jones; Fall Creek, Archibald C. Rice; Warrington, Monroe Groenendyke; New Castle, William Gossett.

Marion District—John M. Kabrich, P. E.; Marion, Zedekiah McNew; Bethel, Thomas J. Halstead; Middletown, Francis M. Moore; Stoney Creek, Cyrus Smith; Bloomingsport, C. B. Small; Mississinewa, James M. Cook; Montpelier, Augustus C. Wilmore; Salamony, J. W. Atkinson; Lincolnville, D. E. Myers; Xenia, Irvin Cox; Tipton Mission, John Cranor; Perkinsville, Henry Huffman.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

West District—D. J. Schenck, P. E.; Fort Wayne Mission, D. A. Johnston; Mount Pleasant, T. Coats; Pleasant Grove, M. Miller; Rock Creek, M. R. Geyer; St. Mary's, G. H. Bonnell; Saratoga, J. Cost; Wabash, L. T. Johnson; Williamsport, W. H. Ogle; Zanesville, S. T. Mahan.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

Crawfordsville District—T. M. Hamilton, P. E.; Annapolis, H. Johns; Coal Creek, H. E. Rice; Concord, C. L. Peck; Cloverland, H. D. Teague; Crawfordsville, J. H. Anderson; Eagletown, G. Wiley; Harveysburg, William Vail; Lebanon, J. F. Miller; Mansfield, A. M. Snyder; Rockville, W. N. Coffman; Shawnee, G. D. Shapley.

Green Hill District—J. S. Cooper, P. E.; Gilboa, J. Noland; Green Hill, H. Elwell; Ambia, J. A. Smith; Montmorenci, M. M. Branson; Pine Village, To be supplied; Iroquois, W. S. Peters; Sheldon, S. H. Cheadle; Rensselaer, I. Lake; Tippecanoe, M. L. Cheadle; Watseka, W. Bushnell.

Perrysville District—S. C. Zuck, P. E.; Brouillets Creek, T. O. Beaty; Perrysville, A. W. Wainscott; Newport, S. Garrigus; Rossville, W. H. Jones; Marysville, J. R. Scott; Pilot Grove, W. Jaggars; Urbana, M. L. Comer; Ash Grove, H. W. Merideth; Gessie, F. E. Penny; Danville, W. M. Jones; Milford, W. Sherrill.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Terre Haute District—W. M. Givens, P. E.; Bariton, J. J. Paige; Centerpoint, J. L. Brandenburg; Dolson, S. Schlosser; Middlebury, J. Sheets; New Goshen, J. G. Shuey; Prairie, A. Collins; Reservoir, W. J. Hartman; Oaktown, A. Moore; Sullivan, J. Burtner; Terre Haute, A. Helton.

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1880

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Hartsville, Indiana, August 17, 1880)

Dublin District—J. M. Kabrich, P. E.; Dublin, John T. Vardaman; Williamsburg, Felix M. DeMunbrun; Franklin, Levi N. Jones; Abington Mission, Oscar L. Wilson; White Water, William E. Mosier; Hartsville Station, William C. Day; Clifty, Irvin Cox; Blue River, John Cranor; Honey Creek, Asbury Myer; Indianapolis, Daniel Stover; Fall Creek, Isaac M. Tharp; Warrington, Joseph Y. DeMunbrun; New Castle, Thomas J. Halstead.

Marion District—Francis M. Moore, P. E.; Marion, William A. Oler; Bethel, Milo L. Bailey; Middletown, Zedekiah McNew; Stoney Creek, James M. Cook; Bloomingsport, Curtis B. Small; Mississinewa, William Hall; Montpelier, William Gossett; Salamony, Cyrus Smith; Lincolnville, David E. Myers; South Wabash, Augustus C. Wilmore; Xenia, Thomas Evans; Tipton Mission, Sylvester Bias; Perkinsville, A. J. Bolen.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

Fort Wayne District—D. J. Schenck, P. E.; Fort Wayne Mission Station, D. A. Johnston; Mount Pleasant, G. A. Wood; Portland, P. T. Johnson; Pleasant Grove, M. Miller; Rock Creek, R. Ross; St. Mary's, G. H. Bonnell; Saratoga, J. Cost; Wabash, C. B. Beaty; Williamsport, C. H. Ogle; Zanesville, S. T. Mahan.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

Crawfordsville District—J. S. Cooper, P. E.; Cloverland, H. Jones; Coal Creek, T. O. Beatty; Concord, B. F. Lowe; Crawfordsville, T. M. Hamilton; Annapolis, J. H. Anderson; Eagletown, G. Wiley; Lebanon, H. E. Rice; Mansfield, J. F. Miller; Harrisburg, William Vail; Rosedale, H. D. Teague; Shawnee, M. L. Cheadle.

Green Hill District—S. C. Zuck, P. E.; Ambia, H. Merideth; Gilboa, W. N. Coffman; Green Hill, H. Elwell; Remington, W. S. Peters; Iroquois, M. M. Branson; Otterbein, B. Stull; Rensselaer, P. Flinn; Sheldon, W. Buswell; Tippecanoe, W. Sherrill; Walcott, Israel Lake; Watseka, J. R. Harner.

Perrysville District—J. W. Nye, P. E.; Brouillets Creek, A. W. Wainscott; Ash Grove, M. L. Comer; Gessie, J. A. Smith; Marysville, J. R. Scott; Milford, J. Noland; Hoopston, W. Glaize; Newport, S. Garrigus; Pilot Grove, W. Watson; Ridge Farm, H. McElroy; Perrysville, F. E. Penny; Rossville, W. H. Jones; Urbana, Ira Mater

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Terre Haute District—C. H. Jones, P. E.; Centerpoint, H. Huston; Dolson, J. Burtner; Middlebury, J. L. Brandenburg; New Goshen, J. G. Shuey; Oaktown, A. Moore; Prairieton, R. Powell; Reservoir, W. T. Hartman.

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1881

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Salem, Howard County, Indiana, August 10, 1881)

Dublin District—M. Wright, P. E.; Dublin, J. Cranor; Williamsburg, J. M. Kabrich; Franklin, L. N. Jones; Abington Mission, O. L. Wilson; White Water, A. J. Bolen; Hartsville Station, W. C. Day; Clifty, W. E. Mosier; Blue River, Z. McNew; Honey Creek, I. M. Tharp; Indianapolis, A. C. Wilmore; Fall Creek, Asbury Myer; Warrington, F. M. DeMunbrun; New Castle, F. M. Moore.

Marion District—Halleck Floyd, P. E.; Marion Circuit, D. E. Myers; Bethel, M. L. Bailey; Middletown, W. A. Oler; Stoney Creek, C. B. Small; Bloomingsport, J. T. Vardaman; Mississinewa, C. W. Rector; Montpelier, W. Gossett; Salamony, C. Smith; Antioch, J. Carmony; Lincolnville, T. J. Halstead; Xenia Mission, I. Cox; Kokomo, T. Evans; Tipton, H. Huffman; Perkinsville, J. Y. DeMunbrun.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

Fort Wayne District—J. L. Luttrell, P. E.; Fort Wayne, J. P. Stewart; Mount Pleasant, W. H. Ogle; Portland, W. Z. Roberts; Pleasant Mills, D. J. Schenck; Rock Creek, J. W. Nicodemus; St. Andrew's, I. Imler; St. Mary's, D. W. Abbott; Saratoga, J. C. Montgomery; Wabash, L. T. Johnson; Williamsport, M. Miller; Zanesville, D. A. Johnston.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

Appointments of this conference could not be obtained.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Terre Haute District—C. H. Jones, P. E.; Centerpoint, W. Malson; Freelandville, S. Keagy; Dolson, A. Collins; Middlebury, J. L. Brandenburg; Mill Creek, J. Burther; New Goshen, R. L. Brengle; Prairieton, R. Powell; Reservoir, W. R. Muncie; Sullivan, A. D. Cullom; Terre Haute, R. Powell.

1882

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference was held at Greensfork, Indiana, July 2, 1882)

Indianapolis District—M. Wright, P. E.; Indianapolis, A. C. Wilmore; Fall Creek, M. L. Bailey; Kokomo, T. Evans; Perkinsville, A. C. Rice; Middletown, W. A. Oler; Warrington, F. M. DeMunbrun; Blue River, Z. McNew; Honey Creek, I. M. Tharp; Clifty, W. Hall.

Marion District—W. C. Day, P. E.; Marion, D. E. Myers; Lincolnville, T. J. Halstead; Antioch, M. M. Thomas; Salamony, J. Y. DeMunbrun; Montpelier, W. Gossett; Mississinewa, G. L. Mattox; Muncie, M. R. Harris; Fairmount, C. W. Rector; Xenia, C. Smith; Tipton, Henry Huffman.

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AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

Fort Wayne District—W. Miller, P. E.; Fort Wayne, J. P. Stewart; Mount Pleasant, G. H. Bonnell; Portland, W. Z. Roberts; Rock Creek, J. W. Nicodemus; St. Andrew's, J. Parthimer; St. Mary's, D. J. Schenck; Saratoga, T. M. Harvey; Wabash, L. T. Johnson; Williamsport, D. W. Abbott; Zanesville, R. W. Wilgus.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Terre Haute District—W. M. Givens, P. E.; Terre Haute and Prairieton. J. Sheets; Centerpoint, William Malsom; Middlebury and Mill Creek, J. L. Brandenburg, and Arthur Helton; New Goshen, R. L. Brengle; Dolson, S. Schlosser; Sullivan, A. Bennett; Reservoir, T. Walters; Edgar, J. Burtner.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

Crawfordsville District—J. Cowgill, P. E.; Annapolis, H. E. Rice; Cloverland, J. F. Miller; Cottage Grove, H. D. Teague; Crawfordsville, George Wiley; Eagletown, L. Byrd; Harmony, S. Garrigus; Mansfield, H. Johns; Harveysburg, J. A. Smith; Lebanon, T. M. Hamilton; Stone Bluff, J. W. Nye; Veedersburg, T. O. Beatty.

Green Hill District—H. Elwell, P. E.; Ambia, H. W. Merideth; Battleground, B. F. Stull; Concord, William Vail; Gilboa, J. S. Cooper; Green Hill, W. H. Sherrill; Iroquois, W. H. Jones; Rensselaer, S. Cowgill; Rainsville, Israel Lake; Sheldon, W. N. Buswell; Tippecanoe, W. Watson; Wolcott, W. S. Peters.

Perrysville District—J. R. Scott, P. E.; Brouillets Creek, A. W. Wainscott; Ash Grove, J. H. Anderson; Blue Mound, F. E. Penny; Newport, S. C. Zuck; Perrysville, W. S. Coffman; Pilot Grove, M. M. Branson; Ridge Farm, R. J. Ellis; Potomac, A. M. Snyder; Rossville, J. R. Harner; Stoney Creek, J. W. Noland; Woodland, T. C. Poyner.

1883

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Gilead, Jay County, Indiana, August 8, 1883)

Indianapolis District—Z. McNew, P. E.; Indianapolis, L. N. Jones; Fall Creek, M. L. Bailey; Kokomo, A. C. Rice; Perkinsville, G. Wilson; Middletown, F. M. DeMunbrun; Warrington, T. Evans; Blue River, A. C. Wilmore; Carrollton Mission, T. J. Halstead; Honey Creek, William Gossett; Clifty, W. A. Weller.

Marion District—M. Wright, P. E.; Marion, J. Y. DeMunbrun; Lincolnville, D. E. Myers; Antioch Mission, C. Smith; Salamony, I. M. Tharp; Montpelier, M. M. Thomas; Hartford, N. L. Hoopingarner; Muncie, J. M. Cook; Fairmount, C. W. Rector; Xenia Mission, I. Cox; Elwood, H. Huffman.

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Dublin District—F. M. Moore, P. E.; Dublin, W. A. Oler; New Castle Mission, J. M. Kabrich; Williamsburg, C. B. Small; Bloomingsport, B. R. B. Holcom; Mississinewa, G. L. Mattox; Stoney Creek, A. Rust; Abington Mission, H. Floyd; Franklin, R. Steele; White Water, A. J. Bolen.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

Appointments of this conference could not be obtained.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

Crawfordsville District—H. Elwell, P. E.; Annapolis, T. Aikman; Cloverland, R. B. Van Allen; Crawfordsville, G. Wiley; Eagletown, S. Cowgill; Harmony, H. Johns; Harveysburg, W. N. Coffman; Lebanon, M. M. Branson; Mansfield, Levi Byrd; Stone Bluff, J. W. Nye; Veedersburg, J. R. Scott.

Green Hill District—J. Cowgill, P. E.; Ambia, W. H. Sherrill; Battleground, B. F. Stull; Concord, J. H. Wiley; Fowler, M. Buswell; Gilboa, J. S. Cooper; Green Hill, H. Merideth; Iroquois, William Vail; Rossville, T. O. Beaty; Sheldon, F. E. Penney; Wolcott, O. P. Cooper; Woodland, W. H. Williams.

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1884

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Hartsville, Indiana, August 6, 1884)

Indianapolis District—Z. McNew, P. E.; Indianapolis, W. C. Day; Fall Creek, T. Evans; Perkinsville, J. Seelig; Middletown, A. J. Bolen; Warrington, W. Gossett; Blue River, A. Rust; Carrollton Mission, Alonzo Myer; Hartsville Station, A. C. Wilmore; Clifty, Asbury Myer; Honey Creek, M. L. Bailey.

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1885

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Lincolnville, Indiana, August 12, 1885)

Marion District—I. M. Tharp, P. E.; Marion, D. E. Myers; Lincolnville, F. M. Moore; Andrews Mission, H. J. Ketner; Salamony, C. Smith; Montpelier, J. M. Cook; Hartford, J. W. Utsler; Selma, A. Rust; Stoney Creek, F. M. DeMunbrun; Muncie, C. W. Rector; Middletown, A. B. Sherk; Fairmount, A. J. Bolen; Xenia, J. Cranor; Kokomo, W. S. Fields; Elwood, O. E. Evans; Perkinsville, J. Seelig.

Dublin District—Z. McNew, P. E.; Dublin, W. A. Oler; Williamsburg, J. M. Kabrich; Bloomingsport, J. Y. DeMunbrun; New Castle Mission, M. M. Thomas; Warrington, W. Gossett; Fall Creek, D. O. Darling; Indianapolis, W. C. Day; Honey Creek, M. L. Bailey; Clifty, G. W. Fast; Hartsville, A. C. Wilmore; Blue River, C. B. Small, T. E. Kinneman; White Water, A. J. Newgent; Franklin, N. L. Hoopingarner; Abington Mission, J. Beck.

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1886

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Blue River Chapel, Shelby County, Indiana, August 11, 1886)

Dublin District—A. C. Wilmore, P. E.; Dublin, C. B. Small; Hagerstown Mission, C. W. Rector; Williamsburg, Z. McNew; Bloomingsport, W. T. Boice; New Castle Station, John Seelig; Warrington, W. Gossett; Fall Creek, D. O. Darling; Indianapolis First Church, A. C. Rice; Honey Creek, M. L. Bailey; Clifty, W. Hall; Blue River, W. A. Oler; White Water, T. E. Kinneman; Franklin, W. C. Day; Abington, O. L. Wilson.

Marion District—I. M. Tharp, P. E.; Marion, G. W. Ford; Lincolnville, F. M. Moore; Andrews Mission, H. J. Ketner; Salamony, J. M. Kabrich; Montpelier, O. E. Evans; Hartford, J. W. Utsler; Selma, A. Rust; Stoney Creek, J. Y. DeMunbrun; Middletown, Alonzo Myer; New Corner, N. D. Wolford; Fairmount, A. J. Bolen; Xenia, R. N. Young; Salem, J. Cranor; Elwood, John H. Wyant; Perkinsville, C. Smith.

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1887

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Selma, Delaware County, Indiana, August 10, 1887)

Indianapolis District—I. M. Tharp, P. E.; Indianapolis, A. C. Rice; Fall Creek, W. Gossett; Elwood, E. J. Mattox; Perkinsville, J. H. Wyant; Daleville, A. Rust; Warrington, M. F. Dawson; Maxwell, J. T. Roberts; Blue River, W. A. Oler; Honey Creek, A. J. Bolen; Clifty, Alonzo Myer.

Dublin District—Z. McNew, P. E.; Dublin, C. B. Small; Hagerstown, C. W. Rector; New Castle, J. Seelig; Stoney Creek, Asbury Myer; Selma, J. W. Utsler; Bloomingsport, W. T. Boice; Williamsburg, D. O. Darling; Abington, To be Supplied; Franklin, T. E. Kinneman; White Water, J. Y. DeMunbrun.

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1888

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Hartsville, Indiana, August 15, 1888)

Indianapolis District—I. M. Tharp, P. E.; Indianapolis, D. O. Darling; Fall Creek, Wm. Gossett; Elwood, H. J. Ketner; Daleville, J. Cranor; Warrington, M. F. Dawson; Sugar Creek, J. T. Roberts; Blue River, W. A. Oler; Honey Creek, J. H. Wyant; Clifty, Alonzo Myer; Hartsville, N. D. Wolfard.

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Dublin District—Z. McNew, P. E.; Dublin, A. Rust; Economy, C. W. Rector; New Castle, R. N. Young; Stoney Creek, M. L. Bailey; Selma, J. W. Utsler; Bloomingsport, R. Steele; Williamsburg, A. J. Bolen; Abington, L. O. Chenoweth; Franklin, J. Seelig; White Water, J. Y. DeMunbrun.

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1889

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Sugar Grove, Hancock County, Indiana, August 7, 1889)

Indianapolis District—A. C. Wilmore, P. E.; Indianapolis, D. O. Darling; Fall Creek, W. Gossett; Burlington, L. O. Chenoweth; Daleville, I. V. McCarty; Warrington, M. F. Dawson; Sugar Creek, J. T. Roberts; Honey Creek, J. H. Wyant; Clifty, Alonzo Myer; Dublin, O. L. Wilson; Andersonville, E. Veal; Franklin, T. J. Halstead.

Marion District—F. M. Moore, P. E.; Marion, A. C. Rice; Kokomo, D. E. Myers; Xenia, M. O. Jarvis; Lincolnville, W. T. Boice; Andrews, H. S. James; Montpelier, M. L. Bailey; Hartford City, J. R. Brown; (Wm. Gothup); New Corner, M. R. Harris; Selma, J. W. Utsler; Stoney Creek, O. E. Evans; Williamsburg, Asbury Myer.

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1890

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Salem, Howard County, Indiana, August 13, 1890)

Indianapolis District—M. L. Bailey, P. E.; Anderson, A. C. Wilmore; Blue River, T. H. Harmon; Clifty, J. F. Reynolds; Dublin, J. G. Colter; Franklin, J. Bays; Greenwood, O. E. Evans; Indianapolis, D. O. Darling; Middletown, Alonzo Myer; Noblesville, M. F. Dawson; Pendelton, W. T. Boice; Rushville, L. W. Crawford; Warrington, J. H. Wyant.

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Perrysville District—W. H. Sherrill, P. E.; Blue Mound, W. H. Jones; Broadland, W. N. Coffman; Brouillets Creek, J. S. Brown; Gessie, W. P. Faylor; Newport, G. T. Stump; Oakwood, H. Johns; Perrysville, E. P. Thorn; Pennfield, J. S. Cooper; Potomac, W. E. Stanley; Rossville, R. B. Van Allen.

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1891

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Union, Noblesville, Indiana, August 19, 1891)

Indianapolis District—M. L. Bailey, P. E.; Anderson, A. C. Wilmore; Blue River, Alonzo Myer; Clifty, J. F. Reynolds; Dublin, J. G. Colter; Franklin, J. S. Carmack; Greenwood, H. S. James; Indianapolis First Church Mission Station, J. T. Roberts; Indianapolis Second Church Mission, Asbury Myer; Middletown, I. Unger; Noblesville, M. F. Dawson; Pendleton, I. V. McCarty; Rushville, W. D. Stant; Warrington, John H. Wyant.

Marion District—Wm. Gossett, P. E.; Andrews Mission, T. W. Williams; Boyleston, D. P. Coldren; Elwood, H. Shoults; Hartford City, M. O. Jarvis; Kokomo, D. W. Zartman; Lincolnville, D. O. Darling; Marion Mission, D. E. Myers; Montpelier, W. F. Chalfant; New Corner, D. Carmichael; Selma, F. M. Moore; Stoney Creek, N. S. Tranbarger; Williamsburg, E. C. Veal; Xenia, J. A. Bray.

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1892

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Honey Creek, Henry County, Indiana, August 18, 1892)

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1893

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at New Lisbon, Henry County, Indiana, August 23, 1893)

Indianapolis District—M. L. Bailey, P. E.; Anderson, F. M. Moore; Andersonville, J. A. Bushong; Blue River, O. E. Evans; Clifty, J. G. Colter; Columbus, D. K. Flickinger; Dublin, Nettie Valentine; Franklin, To be supplied; Greenwood, J. H. Wyant; Indianapolis, Alonzo Myer; Middletown, W. F. Chalfant; Noblesville, M. Hobson; Pendleton, D. W. Zartman; Warrington, C. E. Hunt.

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1894

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at South Wabash, Indiana, August 29, 1894)

Indianapolis District—J. T. Roberts, P. E.; Anderson, M. L. Bailey; Andersonville, F. M. DeMunbrun; Blue River, O. E. Evans; Clifty, J. G. Colter; Columbus, J. E. Shannon; Dublin, J. A. Bray; Elwood, J. F. Reynolds; Franklin, M. F. Dawson; Greenwood, M. Hobson; Indianapolis, A. L. Roberts; Middletown, W. F. Chalfant; Noblesville, A. C. Wilmore; Pendleton, W. Gossett; Warrington, C. E. Hunt.

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1895

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Lapel, Madison County, Indiana, August 28, 1895)

Marion District—Alonzo Myer, P. E.; Boyleston, O. Whitecotton; Converse, J. W. Utsler; Dundee, To be supplied; Gaston, E. M. Roberts; Greentown, D. P. Coldren; Hartford City, C. E. Hunt; Kokomo, H. S. James; Lincolnville, I. V. McCarty; Lynn, D. W. Zartman; Marion, Wm. Gossett; Montpelier, M. O. Jarvis; North Marion, Asbury Myer; Selma, F. M. Moore; Stoney Creek, T. W. Williams, A. R. Williams; Williamsburg, W. N. Sleeth.

Indianapolis District—J. T. Roberts, P. E.; Anderson, J. A. Bray; Andersonville, O. F. Lydy; Clifty, F. M. DeMunbrun; Columbus, D. O. Darling; Dublin, J. G. Colter; Elwood, Nettie Valentine; Franklin, M. F. Dawson; Greenwood, M. Hobson; Indianapolis, J. E. Shannon; Middletown, M. L. Bailey; New Castle, Emma Wright; Noblesville, A. C. Wilmore; Pendleton, J. F. Reynolds; St. Paul, O. E. Evans; Warrington, W. F. Chalfant.

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1896

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Lincolnville, Indiana, August 26, 1896)

Indianapolis District—J. T. Roberts, P. E.; Anderson, J. A. Bray; Andersonville, W. N. Sleeth; Blue River, O. F. Lydy; Clifty, O. E. Evans; Columbus, D. O. Darling; Dublin, N. S. Tranbarger; East Indianapolis, M. O. Jarvis; Elwood, I. V. McCarty; Franklin, M. F. Dawson; Greenwood, D. W. Zartman; Indianapolis, J. E. Shannon; Middletown, M. L. Bailey; New Castle, Emma Wright; Noblesville, W. M. Karstedt; Pendleton, J. F. Reynolds; St. Paul, M. Hobson, Warrington, W. DeMunbrun.

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1897

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Greentown, Howard County, Indiana, September 1, 1897)

Indianapolis District—J. T. Roberts, P. E.; Anderson, J. A. Bray; Blue River, O. F. Lydy; Clifty, W. F. Hunt; Columbus, L. O. Blake; Dublin, N. S. Tranbarger; Elwood, J. F. Reynolds; Franklin, M. F. Dawson; Greenwood, D. W. Zartman; Indianapolis, J. E. Shannon; Laurel, W. N. Sleeth; Middletown, M. Hobson; Mohawk, M. O. Jarvis; New Castle, Emma Wright; Noblesville, W. M. Karstedt; Pendleton, M. L. Bailey; St. Paul, C. E. Hunt; Warrington, W. L. DeMunbrun.

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1898

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Anderson, Indiana, August 31, 1898)

Indianapolis District—Alonzo Myer, P. E.; Anderson, S. B. Ervin; Blue River, M. O. Jarvis; Clifty, M. Hobson; Columbus, L. O. Blake; Dublin, J. B. Parsons; Franklin, M. F. Dawson; Greenfield, Z. C. Mower; Greenwood, N. S.

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Williamsport District—T. M. Hamilton, P. E.; Ambia, H. C. McConaughey; Attica, S. D. Sines; Brook, R. M. Zuck; Battleground, J. S. Cooper; Clarks Hill, John Rosenberger; Green Hill, D. C. Warren; Gilboa, J. M. Tuggle; Independence, C. O. Sherrill; Morocco, W. F. Hunt; Sheldon, G. T. Stump; Vermilion, G. Smith; Williamsport, W. N. Coffman; West Lafayette, W. Smiley.

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1899

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 30, 1899)

Indianapolis District—A. C. Wilmore, P. E.; Anderson, S. B. Ervin; Blue River, Alonzo Myer; Clifty, O. F. Lydy; Columbus, L. O. Blake; Dublin, D. P. Coldren; Franklin, W. L. DeMunbrun; Greenfield, F. S. Minshall; Greenwood, M. R. Myer; Indianapolis, First Church, J. E. Shannon; Indianapolis Second Church, J. E. Paddock; Laurel, O. Whitecotton; Middletown, D. O. Darling; Mohawk, E. C. Veal; New Castle, C. A. Love; Noblesville, D. W. Zartman; Pendleton, W. F. Hunt; St. Paul, C. E. Hunt; Warrington, M. Hobson.

Marion District—J. T. Roberts, P. E.; Boyleston, H. J. Russell; Converse, Z. C. Mower; Dundee, M. A. Robbins; Frankton, M. O. Jarvis; Gaston, J. F. Reynolds; Greentown, W. Gossett; Hartford City, J. W. Utsler; Kokomo, W. M. Karstedt; Lincolnville, T. W. Williams; Lynn, C. J. Roberts; Marion, M. L. Weekley; Montpelier, M. F. Dawson; Muncie, H. S. James; North Marion, Emma Wright; Selma, F. M. Moore; South Wabash, J. A. Bray; Stoney Creek, O. E. Evans; Union, W. N. Sleeth.

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Fort Wayne District—J. W. Lower, P. E.; Fort Wayne Station, J. W. Lake; Collett, J. A. Hoffman; Decatur, J. Q. Kline; Geneva, E. Bolduc; Monroeville, C. T. Betts; Ossian, D. M. Luttrell; Phoenix, H. Good; Pleasant Grove, C. A. Alexander; Portland, D. W. Abbott; Red Key and Dunkirk, W. H. Shepherd; Rose Hill, D. A. Boyd; Rockford, E. M. Burroughs; Saratoga, A. Kissel; Tocsin, H. D. Meads; Wren, S. M. Leidy.

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Terre Haute District—T. D. Spyker, P. E.; Centerpoint, A. D. Markley; Centerville, W. C. Harbert; Clay City, O. F. Kirk; Middlebury, F. M. Fink; New Goshen, H. W. Broadstone; Otterbein, W. M. Malsom; Oak Hill, N. E. Royer; Pleasantville, A. Shidler; Prairieton, W. H. Halberstadt; Terre Haute Station, J. B. Norveil; Terre Haute Mission, T. E. Foreman; Vermilion, E. M. Pierson; Dolson, P. F. Kettring; Casey, S. E. Long; Westfield Station, J. A. Hawkins.

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Danville District—J. W. Nye, P. E.; Broadlands, B. B. Phelps; Danville, A. M. Snyder; Gessie, William Vail; Kingman, E. J. Jenkins; Milford, W. P. Noble; Newport, E. Fowler; Oakwood, C. A. Dwyer; Perrysville, Levi Byrd; Pennfield, H. W. Merideth; Potomac, H. A. McBride; Rossville, J. F. Miller; Sidney, M. F. Sherrill; St. Bernice, W. H. Jones.

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1900

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at South Wabash, Indiana, August 29, 1900)

Indianapolis District—A. C. Wilmore, P. E.; Anderson, S. B. Ervin; Blue River, Alonzo Myer; Clifty, O. F. Lydy; Columbus, L. O. Blake; Dublin, H. W. Lashbrook; Franklin, M. O. Jarvis; Greenfield, C. A. Love; Greensfork, H. J. Russell; Greenwood, M. R. Myer; Indianapolis, F. S. Minshall; Laurel, O. Whitecotton; Middletown, C. E. Hunt; Mohawk, E. C. Veal; Mount Moriah, Carrie Boose; New Castle, A. D. Williams; Noblesville, D. W. Zartman; Pendleton, D. P. Coldren; St. Paul, D. O. Darling; Warrington, M. Hobson.

Marion District—J. T. Roberts, P. E.; Boyleston, M. A. Robbins; Elwood, C. C. Weimer; Frankton, I. V. McCarty; Gaston, S. S. Harney; Greentown, J. E. Paddock; Hartford City, J. W. Utsler; Kokomo, W. M. Karstedt; Lincolnville, T. W. Williams; Lynn, C. J. Roberts; Marion, J. E. Shannon; Matthews, F. H. Linville; Montpelier, M. F. Dawson; Muncie, H. S. James; North Marion, W. Gossett and M. Beall; Selma, N. S. Tranbarger, J. B. Parsons; South Wabash, J. A. Bray; Stoney Creek, O. E. Evans; Union, W. N. Sleeth; Waupecong, Z. C. Mower.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

Fort Wayne District—J. W. Lower, P. E.; Fort Wayne Calvary, J. W. Lake; Decatur, J. Q. Kline; Collett, J. A. Hoffman; Geneva, E. Bolduc; Monroeville, J. A. Circle; Ossian, J. A. Kek; Phoenix, H. Good; Portland, Allie Sipe; Red Key and Dunkirk, W. H. Shepherd; Saratoga, A. Kissel; Tocsin, G. H. Hutchinson.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

Crawfordsville District—F. E. Penney, P. E.; Attica, N. J. Myers; Bellmore, J. A. Sherrill; Cloverland, F. E. Rounds; Centennial, E. Harper; Crawfordsville, Elmer Mater; Lebanon, E. A. Goodwin; Marshall, William Smiley; Rockville, J. Lewis; Snyder, Z. Dixon; Stone Bluff, J. Cauldwell; Thorntown, R. B. Van Allen; Veedersburg, J. W. Schofield; Harmony, G. W. Bonebrake.

Danville District—J. W. Nye, P. E.; Gessie, E. J. Jenkins; Kingman, L. Byrd; Milford, W. P. Noble; Newport, E. Fowler; Perrysville, H. A. McBride; Pennfield, H. W. Merideth; Sidney, M. F. Sherrill; St. Bernice, William Vail.

Williamsport District—W. E. Stanley, P. E.; Ambia, W. F. Hunt; Battleground, J. Rosenberger; Brook, R. M. Zuck; Clarks Hill, J. S. Cooper; Gilboa, J. McHargue; Green Hill, O. P. Cooper; Independence, S. E. Sines; Morocco,

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J. M. Tuggle; Point Pleasant, H. Rohrig; Sheldon, J. H. Elder; Swanington, C. O. Sherrill; Terhune, L. P. Hamilton; Williamsport, W. H. Jones; West Lafayette, C. M. Byerly.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Terre Haute District—J. B. Connett, P. E.; Beach Circuit, J. Coffman; Centerpoint, E. M. Pierson; Centerville, W. C. Harbert; Clay City, O. F. Kirk; Mount Zion, A. D. Markley; Nelson, G. W. Reid; New Goshen, H. W. Broadstone; Oak Hill, A. Shidler; Pleasantville, W. L. Hall; Prairieton, W. H. Halberstadt; Terre Haute Station, S. E. Long; Terre Haute Mission, T. E. Foreman; Vermilion, N. E. Royer; Dolson, P. F. Kettring; Sullivan, W. W. Collins; Westfield Station, J. A. Hawkins.

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IV.

Appointments in the White River Conference from the addition of the Auglaize Conference in 1901 to the additions from the Upper and Lower Wabash Conferences in 1909.

STATIONING COMMITTEE'S REPORTS

1901

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Kokomo, Indiana, September 4, 1901)

Indianapolis District—A. C. Wilmore, P. E.; Anderson, L. O. Blake; Andersonville, T. J. Halstead; Blue River, H. J. Russell; Columbus, H. S. James; Dublin, M. Hobson; Elwood, C. C. Weimer; Franklin, M. O. Jarvis; Frankton, G. M. Myers; Greenfield, C. A. Love; Greensfork, A. D. Williams; Indianapolis, First Church, W. M. Karstedt; Indianapolis, Second Church, S. M. Leidy; Lynn A. Kissel; Middletown, C. E. Hunt; Mohawk, O. F. Lydy; Mt. Moriah, A. M. Shaw; New Castle, E. J. Scott; Noblesville, S. B. Ervin; Pendleton, D. P. Coldren; St. Paul, D. O. Darling; Stoney Creek, D. A. Boyd; Warrington, A. Myer.

Marion District—J. T. Roberts, P. E.; Bellfountaine, Allie Sipe; Boyleston, O. Whitecotton; Converse, W. L. Waldo; Dunkirk, E. W. Collamore; Gaston, M. Beall; Geneva, Z. C. Mower; Greentown, O. E. Evans; Hartford City, J. W. Utsler; Kokomo, M. R. Myer; Lincolnville, F. S. Minshall; Marion, J. E. Shannon; Matthews, E. G. Walk; Montpelier, M. F. Dawson; Muncie, J. B. Parsons; North Marion, J. W. Gibson; Portland, W. N. Sleeth; Phoenix, H. Good; Red Key, D. W. Zartman; Selma, J. E. Paddock; Union, M. A. Robbins; Wabash, J. A. Bray.

AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE

At the General Conference held at Frederick City, Maryland, May, 1901, the Auglaize Conference composed of thirty-three charges, with two presiding elder districts, was dissolved.

Six charges—Geneva, Portland, Phoenix, Collett, Red Key and Saratoga, were attached to the White River Conference.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Terre Haute District—D. R. Seneff, P. E.; Centerpoint, E. M. Pierson; Clay City, W. E. Anderson; Lewis, J. Coffman; Mount Zion, A. D. Markley; Marshall, J. M. Inman; New Goshen, H. W. Broadstone; Prairieton, W. H. Halberstadt; Oak Hill, A. Shidler; Terre Haute Station, S. E. Long; Terre Haute Mission, P. F. Kettring; Vermilion, N. E. Royer; Dolson, W. R. Muncie; Sullivan, Z. Pease; Westfield Station, J. A. Hawkins.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

Crawfordsville District—O. P. Cooper, P. E.; Bellmore, B. B. Phelps; Crawfordsville, Elmer Mater; Cloverland, F. E. Rounds; Harmony, William Smiley;

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Rockville, C. M. Bylerly; Lebanon, W. F. Hunt; Marshall, G. W. Bonebrake; Snyder, L. Dixon; Stone Bluff, I. H. Harker; Thorntown, J. A. Sherrill; Terhune, J. Lewis; Veedersburg, A. J. Newgent.

Danville District—W. E. Stanley, P. E.; Broadlands, J. Rosenberger; Danville, R. M. Zuck; Gessie, E. J. Jenkins; Kingman, J. M. McHargue; Milford, W. P. Noble; Newport, H. Johns; Oakwood, S. E. Sines; Rossville, Elmer Fowler; Sidney, J. F. Miller; St. Bernice, William Vail; Perrysville, G. T. Stump; Pennfield, H. A. McBride; Potomac, H. C. McConaughey; Watseka, Alice Noble.

Williamsport District—E. A. Goodwin, P. E.; Ambia, R. B. Van Allen; Battleground, M. F. Sherrill; Brook, J. S. Cooper; Clarks Hill, W. H. Jones; Green Hill, H. W. Merideth; Morocco, J. M. Tuggle; Sheldon, J. H. Elder; Swanington, C. A. Sherrill; Attica, John Cauldwell; Gilboa, W. B. Faylor; Parr, L. Byrd; Point Pleasant, W. N. Sherrill; West Lafayette, L. P. Hamilton; Williamsport, M. K. Richardson.

1902

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Marion, Indiana, September 3, 1902)

Indianapolis District—J. E. Shannon, P. E.; Anderson, L. O. Blake; Andersonville, A. M. Shaw; Blue River, H. Good; Columbus, H. S. James; Dublin, M. Hobson; Elwood, J. F. Reynolds; Franklin, D. A. Boyd; Frankton, E. W. Collamore; Greenfield, F. H. Linville; Greensfork, M. L. Wottring; Greenwood, M. O. Jarvis; Huntsville, A. C. Wilmore; Indianapolis, First Church, W. M. Karstedt; Indianapolis, Second Church, G. M. Myers; Lynn, A. Kissel; Middletown, C. E. Hunt; Mohawk, M. A. Robbins; New Castle, J. H. Nall; Noblesville, D. P. Coldren; Pendleton, O. F. Lydy; St. Paul, D. O. Darling; Stoney Creek, C. A. Love.

Marion District—J. T. Roberts, P. E.; Bellfountaine, E. J. Scott; Boyleston, O. Whitecotton; Converse, W. L. Waldo; Dunkirk, G. E. Landen; Gaston, M. Beall; Geneva, Z. C. Mower; Greentown, O. E. Evans; Hartford City, J. W. Utsler; Kokomo, M. R. Myer; Lincolnville, W. N. Sleeth; Marion, W. F. Parker; Matthews, H. Clark; Montpelier, M. F. Dawson; Muncie, S. B. Ervin; North Marion, J. W. Gibson; Phoenix, A. D. Williams; Portland, Allie Sipe; Red Key, W. H. Shepherd; Saratoga, D. W. Zartman; Selma, D. E. Johnson; Union, H. J. Russell; Wabash, J. A. Bray.

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Danville District—W. E. Stanley, P. E.; Broadlands, J. Rosenberger; Danville, R. M. Zuck; Gessie, H. W. Merideth; Kingman, J. McHargue; Milford, C. O. Sherrill; Newport, F. D. Pugh; Oakwood, William Vail; Perrysville, F. E. Rounds; Pennfield, H. A. McBride; Potomac, A. P. Sallax; Rossville, Elmer Fowler; Sidney, J. F. Miller; Watseka, Alice Noble.

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LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Terre Haute District—J. L. Brandenburg, P. E.; Ashmore, J. H. Byard; Casey, J. C. Fowler; Centerpoint, E. M. Pierson; Clay City, W. L. Perkins; Lewis, L. E. Miller; Marshall, S. O. Stoltz; Mount Zion, T. J. Richey; New Goshen, A. D. Markley; Oblong, J. Coffman; Oak Hill, H. W. Broadstone; Prairieton, W. H. Halberstadt; Terre Haute Station, S. E. Long; Vermilion, N. E. Royer; Terre Haute Mission, P. F. Kettring; Robinson, J. T. McCreery.

1903

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Geneva, Indiana, September 2, 1903)

Indianapolis District—M. F. Dawson, P. E.; Anderson, M. R. Myer; Andersonville, A. M. Shaw; Blue River, Emma Wright; Boyleston, C. C. Weimer; Columbus, N. P. France; Elwood, C. S. Hanson; Franklin, J. K. Wyant; Frankton, N. S. Tranbarger; Greenfield, S. B. Ervin; Greenwood, M. O. Jarvis; Indianapolis, First Church, H. S. James; Indianapolis, Second Church, D. O. Darling; Lapel, G. M. Myers; Lynn, E. J. Scott; McCowan, M. A. Robbins; Markleville, A. C. Wilmore; Middletown, B. R. Inman; Mohawk, D. E. Johnson; New Castle, C. E. Hunt; Noblesville, D. P. Coldren; Pendleton, O. F. Lydy; Richmond, C. N. Broughman; St. Paul, A. Myer.

Marion District—J. T. Roberts, P. E.; Bellfountaine, A. Kissel; Converse, W. L. Waldo; Dunkirk, G. E. Landen; Gaston, M. Beall; Geneva, Z. C. Mower; Greentown, C. A. Love; Hartford City, J. A. Bray; Kokomo, F. H. Linville; Lincolnville, W. N. Sleeth; Marion, J. E. Shannon; Matthews, W. H. Shepherd; Montpelier, J. L. Ickes; Muncie, Congerville, J. W. Gibson; Muncie, Riverside, R. G. Hammond; North Marion, H. Clark; Phoenix, A. D. Williams; Portland, Allie Sipe; Red Key, I. Swezey; Saratoga, D. W. Zartman; Selma, J. W. Utsler; Union, H. J. Russell; Wabash, First Church, J. H. Nall; Wabash Circuit, O. E. Evans.

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LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Terre Haute District—J. L. Brandenburg, P. E.; Ashmore, J. F. Fowler; Casey, J. A. Hawkins; Centerpoint, H. W. Broadstone; Clay City, W. L. Perkins; Lewis, L. E. Miller; Marshall, S. O. Stoltz; Mt. Zion, T. J. Richey; New Goshen, A. D. Markley; Oblong, N. E. Royer; Oak Hill, L. H. Cooley; Prairieton, H. R. Keagy; Terre Haute Station, S. E. Long; Terre Haute Mission, P. F. Kettring; Paris, T. D. Spyker; Dolson, J. M. Inman.

1904

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Marion, Indiana, August 31, 1904)

Indianapolis District—M. F. Dawson, P. E.; Anderson, L. O. Blake; Andersonville, C. S. Hanson; Blue River, Emma Wright; Boyleston, W. T. Sanders; Columbus, N. P. France; Elwood, To be supplied; Franklin, N. E. Tilman; Frankton, R. A. Illk; Greenfield, W. M. Karstedt; Greenwood, C. A. Love; Indianapolis, First Church, C. S. Parker; Indianapolis, Second Church, D. O. Darling; Lapel, G. M. Myers; Lynn, E. J. Scott; McCowan, M. A. Robbins; Markleville, A. C. Wilmore; Middletown, B. R. Inman; Mohawk, C. N. Broughman; New Castle, I. S. Swezey; Noblesville, D. P. Coldren; Olio, C. E. Hunt; Pendleton, O. F. Lydy; Richmond, M. Hobson; St. Paul, A. Myer.

Marion District—J. T. Roberts, P. E.; Bellfountaine, A. Kissel; Collett, A. D. Williams; Converse, W. L. Waldo; Dunkirk, G. E. Landen; Gaston, M. Beall; Geneva, Z. C. Mower; Greentown, M. O. Jarvis; Hartford City, J. A. Bray; Kokomo, F. H. Linville; Lincolnville, S. B. Ervin; Marion, J. E. Shannon; Matthews, Allie Sipe; Montpelier, M. R. Myer; Muncie Circuit, J. W. Gibson; Muncie, Riverside, H. S. James; North Marion, H. J. Russell; Phoenix, O. E. Evans; Portland, C. J. Roberts; Red Key, D. W. Zartman; Saratoga, E. H. Pontius; Selma, J. W. Utsler; Union, W. H. Shepherd; Wabash, First Church, J. H. Nall; Wabash Circuit, W. N. Sleeth.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

Crawfordsville District—Elmer Mater, P. E.; Bellmore, R. H. Smith; Cloverland, W. H Jones; Crawfordsville Station, W. F. Hunt; Crawfordsville Circuit, W. E. Stanley; Lebanon, J. Rosenberger; Marshall, M. F. Sherrill; Snyder, J. H. Elder; Stone Bluff, S. A. Richardson; Terhune, Guy Tremaine; Thorntown, G. H. Trinkle; Montezuma, J. M. McHargue; Veedersburg, M. K. Richardson.

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Otterbein District—A. M. Snyder, P. E.; Ambia, H. W. Merideth; Attica, C. A. Dwyer; Battleground, A. P. Sallaz; Brook, W. P. Noble, Alice Noble; Clarks Hill, J. A. Sherrill; Gilboa, H. A. McBride; Green Hill, B. B. Phelps; Morocco, O. P. Cooper; Parr, J. Vandecar; Sheldon, C. B. Smith; Swanington, J. S. Cooper; Watseka, L. Byrd.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Terre Haute District—J. B. Connett, P. E.; Ashmore, L. E. Miller; Centerpoint, R. Griffin; Clay City, W. L. Perkins; Lewis, T. Walters; Marshall, S. O. Stoltz; Mt. Zion, T. J. Richey; New Goshen, A. D. Markley; Oblong, N. E. Royer; Oak Hill, W. R. Muncie; Prairieton, H. W. Broadstone; Terre Haute, First Church, S. E. Long; Terre Haute, Second Church, P. F. Kettring; Terre Haute Mission, J. L. Brandenburg; Vermilion, J. P. Watson; Paris, T. D. Spyker; Dolson, F. M. Fink.

1905

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Muncie, Indiana, August 23, 1905)

Indianapolis District—M. F. Dawson, P. E.; Anderson, L. O. Blake; Andersonville, A. M. Shaw; Blue River, Emma Wright; Boyleston, H. T. B. Walker, Columbus, H. W. Robbins, S. Almira Robbins; Cowan, M. A. Robbins; Elwood; A. J. Brock; Franklin, N. E. Tillman; Frankton, Allie Sipe; Greenfield, O. F. Lydy; Greenwood, C. A. Love; Gwynneville, H. L. Boyd; Indianapolis, First Church, To be supplied; Indianapolis, Second Church, C. N. Broughman; Indianapolis, University Heights, S. B. Ervin; Indianapolis, Columbia, J. F. Reynolds; Lapel, G. M. Myers; Lynn, M. O. Jarvis; Markleville, A. Myer; Middletown, B. R. Inman; Mohawk, M. V. Bartlett; New Castle, F. H. Linville; Noblesville, W. L. Waldo; Pendleton, N. P. France; Richmond, M. Hobson; St. Paul, A. C. Wilmore.

Marion District—H. S. James, P. E.; Bellfountaine, A. D. Williams; Collett, W. T. Sanders; Converse, G. E. Landen; Dunkirk, R. A. Illk; Gaston, F. M. Davis; Geneva, Z. C. Mower; Greentown, C. E. Hunt; Hartford City, J. A. Bray; Kokomo, D. P. Coldren; Lincolnville, M. Beall; Marion, J. E. Shannon; Matthews, R. W. Harlow; Montpelier, M. R. Myer; Muncie, Congerville, E. J. Scott; Muncie, Normal City, J. W. Utsler; Muncie, Riverside, J. B. Parsons; North Marion, H. J. Russell; Phoenix, O. E. Evans; Portland, C. J. Roberts; Red Key, D. W. Zartman; Saratoga, E. H. Pontius; Union, W. H. Shepherd; Wabash, First Church, J. H. Nall; Wabash Circuit, W. N. Sleeth.

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North District—A. M. Snyder, P. E.; Ambia, H. W. Merideth; Battleground, S. A. Richardson; Brook, W. P. Noble, Alice Noble; Gilboa, W. N. Sherrill; Green Hill, B. B. Phelps; Lebanon Station, J. Rosenberger; Lebanon Circuit,

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South District—Elmer Mater, P. E.; Attica, J. A. Sherrill; Bellmore, R. A. Smith; Brazil, J. M. Franklin; Broadlands, E. J. Jenkins; Cates, Guy Tremaine; Clarks Hill, G. H. Trinkle; Cloverland, W. H. Jones; Danville, C. A. Dwyer; Gessie, F. E. Rounds; Hillsdale, C. W. Ballou; Kingman, J. M. McHargue; Crawfordsville, F. D. Pugh; Crawfordsville Circuit, W. E. Stanley; Marshall, Minnie Thorne; Oakwood, W. M. Smiley; Sidney, Z. Dixon; Stone Bluff, A. A. Love; Veedersburg, M. K. Richardson.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

North District—J. B. Connett, P. E.; Ashmore, L. E. Miller; Blackhawk, W. N. Coffman; Clarksburg, G. W. Reid; Clay City, J. A. Robinson; Centerpoint, R. Griffin; Galton, T. D. Spyker; Janesville, E. C. Underwood; Lewis, Viola Elliott; Mt. Zion, T. Walters; New Goshen, A. D. Markley; Newman, W. R. Muncie; Prairieton, H. W. Broadstone; Terre Haute, First Church, S. E. Long; Terre Haute, Second Church, P. F. Kettring; Terre Haute, Third Church, T. J. Richey; Terre Haute, Fourth Church; J. L. Brandenburg; Vermilion, J. P. Watson; Paris, W. L. Perkins.

1906

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Hartford City, Indiana, August 22, 1906)

Indianapolis District—M. F. Dawson, P. E.; Anderson, L. O. Blake; Andersonville, A. J. Brock; Boyleston, John F. Hargrave; Blue River, G. E. Swartz; Columbus, R. W. Harlow; Cowan, A. C. Wilmore; Elwood, W. M. Griffin; Franklin Mission, H. W. Robbins, S. A. Robbins; Fortville, J. H. Wyant; Greenfield, O. F. Lydy; Greenwood, Laura A. Love; Hagerstown, J. F. Reynolds; Indianapolis, First Church, E. E. Swoards; Indianapolis, Second Church, Z. C. Mower; Indianapolis, University Heights, S. B. Ervin; Indianapolis, Columbia, A. M. Shaw; Lapel, H. T. B. Walker; Lynn, M. A. Robbins; Markleville, John Seelig; Middletown, N. P. France; New Castle, N. S. Tranbarger; Noblesville, W. L. Waldo; Pendleton, Alonzo Myer; Richmond, M. Hobson; St. Paul, Emmet P. Day; Union Station, G. M. Myers.

Marion District—H. S. James, P. E.; Bellfountaine, W. H. Shepherd; Collett, J. M. Baker; Converse, M. R. Myer; Dunkirk, J. W. Utsler; Gaston, Emma Wright; Geneva, C. J. Roberts; Greentown, C. E. Hunt; Hartford City, J. A. Bray; Kokomo, D. P. Coldren; Lincolnville, M. Beall; Marion, First Church, J. E. Paddock; Marion, Spencer Avenue, To be supplied; Marion, Swayzee Street, Raymond Fletcher; Montpelier, F. H. Linville; Muncie, Congerville-Selma, G. E. Landen; Muncie, Normal City, J. W. Gibson; Muncie, Industry, M. V. Bartlett; Muncie, Riverside, J. B. Parsons; North Marion, Allie Sipe; Petroleum, O. E. Evans; Portland, C. N. Broughman; Red Key, J. H. Nall; Saratoga, E. H. Pontius; Union, H. L. Boyd; Upland, W. N. Sleeth; Wabash, First Church, W. F. Hunt; Wabash Circuit, D. W. Zartman.

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South District—W. E. Stanley, P. E.; Attica, Wm. Vail; Bellmore, F. E. Rounds; Broadlands, W. H. Dunseth; Cates, D. C. Ade; Cloverland, W. N. Coffman; Crawfordsville, F. D. Pugh; Crawfordsville Circuit, W. B. Faylor; Danville, C. A. Dwyer; Danville Circuit, A. J. Cox; Gessie, B. B. Phelps; Hillsdale, C. W. Ballou; Harmony, C. I. Roush; Kingman, W. Manuel; Marshall, Minnie Thorne; Oakwood, S. A. Richardson; Perrysville, H. A. McBride; Sidney, A. A. Love; Stone Bluff, Z. Dixon; Veedersburg, C. B. Smith.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Terre Haute District—J. A. Hawkins, P. E.; Blackhawk, N. Fouts; Centerpoint, R. Griffin; Clay City, J. A. Robinson; Lewis, Viola Elliott; Marshall, J. B. Norveil; Mt. Zion, T. Walters; New Goshen, A. D. Markley; Prairieton, C. W. Bauman; Terre Haute, First Church, S. E. Long; Terre Haute, Second Church, P. F. Kettring; Terre Haute, Third Church, T. J. Richey; Terre Haute, Fourth Church, J. L. Brandenburg; Vermilion, M. W. Smelser; Casey, W. L. Perkins; Galton, T. D. Spyker; Oblong, R. B. Hall; Paris, J. C. Fowler; Robinson, W. H. Halberstadt.

1907

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Anderson, Indiana, August 14, 1907)

Indianapolis District—M. F. Dawson, P. E.; Anderson, S. L. Postlethwait; Andersonville, John Seelig, A. J. Brock; Boyleston, J. F. Hargrave; Blue River, G. E. Swartz; Columbus, R. W. Harlow; Cowan, C. E. Hunt; Elwood, Clinton K. Saylor; Franklin, H. W. Robbins, S. A. Robbins; Fortville, J. H. Wyant; Greenfield, O. F. Lydy; Greenwood, A. M. Shaw; Hagerstown, A. C. Wilmore; Indianapolis, First Church, E. E. Swords; Indianapolis, Second Church, S. B. Ervin; Indianapolis, University Heights, J. E. Paddock; Indianapolis, Beech Grove, Harry Burchard; Lapel, H. T. B. Walker; Lynn, M. A. Robbins; Markleville, W. M. Griffin; Middletown, N. P. France; New Castle, A. B. Arford; New Lisbon, N. S. Tranbarger; Noblesville, W. L. Waldo; Pendleton, A. Myer; Richmond, M. Hobson; St. Paul, E. P. Day.

Marion District—H. S. James, P. E.; Bellfountaine, W. H. Shepherd; Collett, T. H. Harman; Converse, W. F. Hunt; Dunkirk, J. W. Utsler; Gaston, O. E. Evans; Geneva, G. M. Myers; Greentown, Allie Sipe; Hartford City, J. A. Bray; Kokomo, E. H. Pontius; Lincolnville, M. V. Bartlett; Marion, First Church, L. O. Blake; Marion, Spencer Avenue, Laura A. Love; Marion, Swayzee Street, C. J. Roberts; Marion Circuit, C. A. Love; Montpelier, F. H. Linville; Muncie,

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Congerville-Selma, G. E. Landen; Muncie, Normal City, J. W. Gibson; Muncie, Industry, Z. C. Mower; Muncie, Riverside, J. B. Parsons; Petroleum, M. Beall; Portland, C. N. Broughman; Red Key, J. H. Nall; Saratoga, M. R. Myer; Union, W. A. Settle; Wabash, First Church, D. W. Zartman; Wabash Circuit, H. J. Ketner; Walnut Hill, Joseph Dohner.

UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

North District—Elmer Mater, P. E.; Ambia, E. J. Jenkins; Battleground, G. Tremaine; Brook, W. P. Noble, Alice Noble; Clarks Hill, G. H. Trinkle; Gilboa, John Servies; Green Hill, J. A. Sherrill; Lebanon, W. N. Sherrill; Lebanon Circuit, C. O. Sherrill; Milford-Woodland, L. Byrd; Morocco, H. C. McConaughey; Parr, H. W. Merideth; Pennfield, To be supplied; Potomac, C. A. Dwyer; Rossville, C. W. Ballou; Sheldon, J. M. McHargue; Swanington, W. H. Jones; Thorntown, E. A. Goodwin; West Lafayette, W. E. Cooper.

South District—W. E. Stanley, P. E.; Attica, James L. Sherrill; Bellmore, J. M. Tuggle; Broadlands, W. H. Dunseth; Cloverland, W. N. Coffman; Crawfordsville, F. D. Pugh; Crawfordsville Circuit, W. P. Faylor; Danville, G. W. Bonebrake; Danville Circuit, A. J. Cox; Gessie, B. B. Phelps; Harmony, C. I. Roush; Hillsdale, F. E. Rounds; Kingman, D. C. Ade; Marshall, M. K. Richardson; Oakwood, S. A. Richardson; Perrysville, Z. Dixon; Sidney, W. A. Crawford; Stone Bluff, Wm. Vail; Veedersburg, C. B. Smith.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Terre Haute District—J. A. Hawkins, P. E.; Annapolis, N. Fouts; Blackhawk, A. D. Markley; Centerpoint, M. W. Smeltzer; Clay City,———— Lewis, J. L. Brandenburg; Marshall, R. Griffin; Mt. Zion, Violet Elliott; New Goshen, T. J. Richey; Prairieton, C. W. Bauman; Terre Haute, First Church, S. E. Long; Terre Haute, Second Church, P. F. Kettring; Terre Haute, Third Church, C. C. Breden; Terre Haute, Fourth Church, H. C. Powell; Vermilion, W. R. Muncie; Casey, W. L. Perkins; Oblong, T. J. Richey; Paris, J. C. Fowler.

1908

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

(Conference held at Richmond, Indiana, August 12, 1908)

Indianapolis District—J. T. Roberts, P. E.; Anderson, S. L. Postlethwait; Andersonville, John Seelig; Blue River, M. R. Myer; Boyleston, J. F. Hargrave; Columbus, R. W. Harlow; Cowan, C. E. Hunt; Elwood, L. K. Waldo; Fortville, J. H. Wyant; Franklin, H. W. Robbins; Greenfield, O. F. Lydy; Greenwood, A. M. Shaw; Hagerstown, M. V. Bartlett; Indianapolis, First Church, E. E. Swords; Indianapolis, Second Church, Charles Broughman; Indianapolis, University Heights, J. E. Paddock; Indianapolis, Beech Grove, L. E. Eaton; Lapel, H. T. Walker; Lynn, M. A. Robbins; Markleville, A. D. Williams; Middletown, N. P. France; New Castle, A. B. Arford; New Lisbon, D. E. Johnson; Noblesville, W. L. Waldo; Pendleton, C. P. Martin; Richmond, M. Hobson; St. Paul, G. E. Swartz.

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UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

North District—W. E. Stanley, P. E.; Ambia, E. J. Jenkins; Attica, J. H. Elder; Battleground, M. K. Richardson; Brook, C. B. Smith; Clarks Hill, G. H. Trinkle; Gilboa, John Servies; Green Hill, J. A. Sherrill; Milford, W. E. Cooper; Morocco, H. C. McConaughy; Parr, To be supplied; Pennfield, W. H. Jones; Potomac, C. A. Dwyer; Rossville, C. W. Ballou; Sheldon, J. M. McHargue; Swanington, H. J. Musselman; Thorntown, E. A. Goodwin; West Lafayette, G. E. Tremaine.

South District—Elmer Mater, P. E.; Bellmore, C. O. Sherrill; Broadlands, J. L. Sherrill; Cloverland, T. J. Richey; Crawfordsville, F. D. Pugh; Crawfordsville Circuit, W. B. Faylor; Danville, G. W. Bonebrake; Danville Circuit, A. J. Cox; Gessie, B. B. Phelps; Harmony, C. I. Roush; Hillsdale, D. C. Ade; Kingman, W. N. Coffman; Lebanon, Alice Noble; Lebanon Circuit, W. P. Noble; Marshall, T. B. Kelsey; Oakwood, S. A. Richardson; Perrysville, Z. Dixon; Stone Bluff, William Vail; Veedersburg, J. M. Tuggle.

LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

Terre Haute District—J. A. Hawkins, P. E.; Blackhawk, A. D. Markley; Centerpoint, J. Rosenberger; Clay City, N. Fouts; Lewis, J. L. Brandenburg; Annapolis, T. Walters; Marshall, R. Griffin; New Goshen, C. W. Bauman; Prairieton, W. W. Smelzer; Saline, M. L. Watson; Terre Haute, First Church, S. E. Long; Terre Haute, Second Church, P. F. Kettring; Terre Haute, Third Church, C. C. Breden; Terre Haute, Fourth Church, M. J. Breden; West Terre Haute, Lewis Maurer; Casey, W. L. Perkins; Oblong, G. L. Stine; Paris, J. C. Fowler; Vermilion, W. R. Muncie.

The General Conference in May, 1909, dissolved the Upper Wabash Conference, and limited the boundary of the Lower Wabash Conference to the Indiana and Illinois state line. The territory of those two conferences within the State of Indiana was attached to Indiana, White River and St. Joseph Conferences—the middle area being ceded to the White River Annual Conference.

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STATIONING COMMITTEE'S REPORTS

Appointments in White River Conference since 1909

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1909

(Conference held at Red Key, Indiana, September 1, 1909)

Indianapolis District—J. T. Roberts, D.D., P. E.; Anderson, S. L. Postlethwait; Andersonville, C. C. Weimer; Blue River, O. F. Lydy; Columbus, G. M. Myers; Elwood, Asbury Fisher; Fortville, J. H. Wyant; Franklin, N. W. Gray; Greenfield, H. W. Robbins; Greenwood, R. W. Harlow; Hagerstown, M. V. Bartlett; Indianapolis, First Church, E. E. Swords; Indianapolis, Second Church, M. K. Richardson; Indianapolis, University Heights, J. E. Paddock; Lapel, D. W. Zartman; Lynn, John Seelig; New Castle, A. B. Arford; New Lisbon, D. E. Johnson; Noblesville, O. P. Cooper; Pendleton, C. P. Martin; Richmond, H. S. James; St. Paul, G. E. Swartz; Warrington, W. M. Griffin; Daleville, L. O. Blake; Honey Creek, M. Beall.

Marion District—M. F. Dawson, P. E.; Bellfountaine, O. E. Evans; Collett, L. K. Waldo; Dunkirk, W. H. Shepherd; Gaston, C. K. Saylor; Geneva, W. L. Waldo; Hartford City, J. A. Bray; Lincolnville, M. A. Robbins; Marion, First Church, J. E. Shannon; Marion, Spencer Avenue, C. J. Roberts; Marion, Swayzee Street, N. P. France; Marion Circuit, Laura A. Love; Montpelier, H. T. Walker; Muncie, Central Church, J. B. Parsons; Muncie, Industry Church, W. A. Bartlett; Muncie, Normal City, J. W. Gibson; Muncie, Riverside, Alonzo Myer; Petroleum, T. E. Kinneman; Portland, L. A. Huddleston; Red Key, J. H. Nall; Saratoga, A. C. Wilmore; Union, C. A. Love; Upland, Allie Sipe; Wabash, First Church, J. R. Knipe; Wabash Circuit, G. E. Landen.

Terre Haute District—J. A. Hawkins, D.D., P.E.; Attica, M. J. Musselman; Bellmore, A. D. Williams; Black Hawk, A. D. Markley; Brazil, Lewis Maurer; Centerpoint, John Rosenberger; Clay City, Z. C. Mower; Crawfordsville Station, F. D. Pugh; Crawfordsville Circuit, J. H. Elder; Harmony, C. I. Roush; Hillsdale, M. W. O'Brien; Lebanon, C. E. Hunt; Marshall, Taylor Kelsey; Mt. Zion, William Vail; New Goshen, C. W. Bauman; Perrysville, J. M. McHargue; Prairieton, M. W. Smeltzer; Saline, A. Edrington; Stone Bluff, E. J. Jenkins; Terhune, T. H. Reed; Terre Haute, First Church, S. E. Long; Terre Haute, Second Church, P. F. Kettring; Terre Haute, Third Church, C. C. Breden; Terre Haute, Fourth Church, W. H. Halberstadt; Veedersburg, J. M. Tuggle; West Terre Haute, Lewis Maurer.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1910

(Conference held at University Heights, Indianapolis, Indiana, September 7, 1910)

Conference District—J. T. Roberts, P. E.

Anderson, S. L. Postlethwait; Andersonville, N. W. Gray; Blue River, O. F. Lydy; Columbus, G. M. Myers; Daleville, L. O. Blake; Elwood, J. P. Miller; Fortville, M. R. Myer; Franklin, C. E. Hunt; Greenfield, H. W. Robbins; Greenwood, R. W. Harlow; Hagerstown, Alonzo Myer; Honey Creek, M. Beall.

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Muncie, Central, M. Hobson; Muncie, Industry, N. S. Tranbarger; Muncie, Normal City, J. W. Gibson; Muncie, Riverside, J. R. Knipe, Grace Knipe; Pennville, L. K. Waldo; Petroleum, T. E. Kinneman; Portland, L. A. Huddleston; Red Key, J. H. Nall; Saratoga, W. A. Settle; Union, C. K. Saylor; Wabash, First Church, C. P. Martin; Wabash Circuit, C. A. Love; Upland, Allie Sipe; Attica, E. S. Stewart; Bellmore, A. D. Williams; Black Hawk, A. D. Markley; Centerpoint, Wm. Vail; Lebanon Station, Ida Cunningham; Lebanon Circuit, C. A. Love; Marshall, T. Kelsey; New Goshen, J. A. Hawkins; Otterbein, A. Edrington; Perrysville, J. M. McHargue; Prairieton, C. I. Roush; Stone Bluff, T. H. Harmon; Clay City, Z. C. Mower; Crawfordsville, G. L. Stine; Crawfordsville Circuit, J. Rosenberger; Harmony, C. E. Bauman; Hillsdale, M. O'Brian; Terhune, T. H. Reed; Terre Haute, First Church, O. O. Inman; Terre Haute, Second Church, P. F. Kettring; Terre Haute, Third Church, C. C. Breden; Terre Haute, Second Avenue, W. H. Halberstadt; West Terre Haute, Lewis Maurer; Veedersburg, J. M. Tuggle.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1911

(Conference held at University Heights, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 30, 1911)

Indianapolis District—J. A. Hawkins, P. E.; Anderson, B. F. Cunningham; Andersonville, L. K. Waldo; Blue River, O. F. Lydy; Columbus, G. M. Myers; Connersville, To be supplied; Daleville, L. O. Blake; Elwood, Harry Burchard; Fortville, W. M. Griffin, J. H. Wyant; Franklin, C. E. Hunt; Greenfield, E. E. Swords; Greenwood, M. R. Myer; Hagerstown, T. E. Kinneman; Honey Creek, M. A. Robbins; Indianapolis, Brookside Park, M. K. Richardson; Indianapolis, First Church, S. E. Long; Indianapolis, Jackson Park, To be supplied; Indianapolis, University Heights, L. P. Cooper; Lapel, L. A. Huddleston; Lynn, E. B. Cunningham, Ida Cunningham; New Castle, A. B. Arford; New Lisbon, J. Seelig; Noblesville, To be supplied; Pendleton, D. W. Zartman; Richmond, H. S. James; St. Paul, G. E. Swartz; Warrington, M. Beall.

Marion District—M. F. Dawson, P. E.; Bellfountaine, O. E. Evans; Collett, A. C. Wilmore; Cowan, C. E. Lambert; Dunkirk, C. A. Love, Laura A. Love; Gaston, D. E. Johnson; Geneva, W. L. Waldo; Hartford City, J. A. Bray; Lincolnville, J. W. Utsler; Marion, First Church, J. E. Shannon; Marion, Spencer Avenue, John Rosenberger; Marion, Swayzee Street, N. P. France; Marion Circuit, J. F. Rogers; Montpelier, H. T. Walker; Muncie, Central, J. W. Gibson; Muncie,

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Industry, Alonzo Myer; Muncie, Normal City, R. W. Harlow; Muncie, Riverside, James Robinson; Petroleum, Forrest F. Bray; Portland, W. H. Shepherd; Red Key, J. H. Nall; Salem, To be supplied; Saratoga, W. A. Settle; Union, C. K. Saylor; Wabash, First Church, C. P. Martin; Wabash, Circuit, W. H. Franklin.

Terre Haute District—J. T. Roberts, P. E.; Attica, E. S. Stewart; Bellmore, T. J. Richey; Black Hawk, C. W. Bauman; Brazil, To be supplied; Centerpoint, Wm. Vail; Kingman, John L. Higinbotham; Lebanon Station, Ira C. Dawes; Lebanon Circuit, Taylor Kelsey; Marshall, A. M. Shaw; New Goshen, A. D. Markley; Otterbein, J. P. Miller; Perrysville, J. M. McHargue; Prairieton, C. I. Rousch; Stone Bluff, C. S. Dudley; Clay City, Z. C. Mower; Crawfordsville Station, G. L. Stine; Crawfordsville Circuit, A. D. Williams; Harmony, Alexander Edrington; Hillsdale, To be supplied; Terhune, T. H. Reed; Terre Haute, First Church, O. O. Inman; Terre Haute, Second Church, P. F. Kettring; Terre Haute, Third Church, C. C. Breden; Terre Haute, Second Avenue, W. H. Halberstadt; West Terre Haute, Lewis Maurer; Veedersburg, J. M. Tuggle.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1912

(Conference held at University Heights, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 28, 1912)

Indianapolis District—J. T. Roberts, P. E.; Attica, Lewis Maurer; Bellmore, T. J. Richey; Black Hawk, J. P. Miller; Blue River, O. F. Lydy; Brazil, Celia Austin; Centerpoint, A. D. Williams; Clay City, R. W. Harlow; Columbus, G. M. Myers; Crawfordsville, G. L. Stine; Crawfordsville Circuit, John Servies; Ebenezer, To be supplied; Fortville, J. H. Wyant; Greenfield, H. W. Robbins; Greenwood, Fred L. Dennis; Harmony, W. M. Vail; Hillsdale, J. M. McHargue; Indianapolis, Brookside Park, M. K. Richardson; Indianapolis, First Church, S. E. Long; Indianapolis, University Heights, L. P. Cooper; Kingman, J. L. Higinbotham; Lebanon, Z. C. Mower; Lebanon Circuit, Taylor Kelsey; Marshall, A. Edrington; Mt. Zion, E. J. Jenkins; Noblesville, John Rosenberger; Noblesville Circuit, Ira C. Dawes; New Goshen, A. D. Markley; Otterbein, W. H. Peyton; Perrysville, E. S. Stewart; Prairieton, C. I. Rousch; St. Paul, G. E. Swartz; Stone Bluff, To be supplied; Terhune, W. M. Griffin; Terre Haute, First Church, L. O. Blake; Terre Haute, Second Church, J. A. Bray; Terre Haute, Third Church, C. C. Breden, K. A. Breden; Terre Haute, Second Avenue, W. H. Halberstadt; Veedersburg, J. M. Tuggle; West Terre Haute, C. W. Bauman.

Marion District—J. A. Hawkins, P. E.; Anderson, B. F. Cunningham; Andersonville, Harry Burchard; Bellfountaine, O. E. Evans; Collett, A. S. Cross; Cowan, J. I. Lindsay; Daleville, M. Beall; Dunkirk, C. A. Love; Elwood, J. C. Shrigley; Franklin, E. B. Cunningham; Gaston, E. H. Pontius; Geneva, J. A. Robinson; Hagerstown, Ida Cunningham; Honey Creek, M. A. Robbins; Lapel, L. A. Huddleston; Lincolnville, W. A. Settle; Lynn, C. E. Hunt; Marion, First Church, J. E. Shannon; Marion, Spencer Avenue, Laura A. Love; Marion, Swayzee Street, N. P. France; Marion Circuit, J. F. Rogers; Montpelier, C. K. Saylor; Muncie, Central, C. R. Archer; Muncie, Industry, W. H. Shepherd; Muncie, Normal City, J. W. Gibson; Muncie, Riverside, Alonzo Myer; New Castle, A. B. Arford; New Lisbon, John Seelig; Pendleton, W. E. Dye; Petroleum,

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WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1913

(Conference held at University Heights, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 27, 1913)
Conference Superintendent—J. E. Shannon

Anderson, To be supplied; Andersonville, Harry Burchard; Attica, Lizzie Chappelle; Bellfountaine, M. A. Robbins; Bellmore, V. B. Mayne; Black Hawk, J. P. Miller; Blue River, E. J. Jenkins; Brazil, Celia Austin; Bunsen, J. A. Hawkins; Centerpoint, A. D. Williams; Clay City, R. W. Harlow; Collette, C. J. Swain; Columbus, C. P. Martin; Crawfordsville, G. L. Stine; Crawfordsville Circuit, C. I. Rousch; Cowan, J. I. Lindsay; Daleville, M. Beall; Dunkirk, A. Edrington; Elwood, W. H. Peyton; Fortville, W. A. Dawden; Franklin, E. B. Cunningham; Gaston, W. H. Segraves; Geneva, J. A. Robinson; Greenfield Church, Fred L. Dennis; Otterbein and Amity Churches, F. F. Bray; Greenwood, O. F. Lydy; Hagerstown and New Lisbon, Ida M. Cunningham; Hartford City, M. F. Dawson; Harmony, J. M. McHargue; Hillsdale, W. E. Dye; Honey Creek, H. W. Franklin.

Indianapolis, First Church, W. L. Perkins; Indianapolis, Brookside, M. K. Richardson; Indianapolis, University Heights, W. L. Waldo; Kingman, J. C. Shrigley; Lapel, L. A. Huddleston; Salem, M. O. Mumford; Lebanon, Z. C. Mower; Lebanon Circuit, J. L. Higinbotham; Lincolnville, W. A. Settle; Lynn, C. E. Hunt; Marshall, John Reese; Marion, First Church, G. M. Myers; Marion, Spencer Avenue, Laura A. Love; Marion, Swayzee Street, J. Rosenbarger; Marion Circuit, C. R. Archer; Montpelier, C. K. Saylor.

Muncie, Industry, O. E. Evans; Muncie, Normal City, J. W. Gibson; Muncie, Riverside, Alonzo Myer; New Castle, A. B. Arford; New Goshen, Joseph Knipe, Grace Knipe; Noblesville, J. M. Tuggle; Noblesville Circuit, I. C. Dawes; Otterbein, G. E. Fox; Pendleton, C. G. McCrocklin; Petroleum, N. P. France; Perrysville, J. F. Rogers; Portland, C. S. Dudley; Prairieton, A. D. Markley; Red Key, J. H. Nall; Richmond, H. S. James; Saratoga, G. H. Barker; Selma, A. C. Wilmore; St. Paul, G. E. Swartz; Stone Bluff, H. L. Boyd; Terhune, W. F. Myers; Terre Haute, First Church, L. O. Blake; Terre Haute, Second Church, J. A. Bray; Terre Haute, Third Church, C. C. Breden; Terre Haute, Second Avenue, W. H. Halberstadt; Terre Haute charge, T. J. Richey; Upland, To be supplied; Veedersburg, H. W. Robbins; Wabash, W. H. Shepherd; Wabash Mission, F. E. Penney; Warrington, D. E. Johnson.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1914

(Conference held at New Castle, Indiana, August 26, 1914)
Conference Superintendent—J. E. Shannon

Anderson, C. J. Fox; Andersonville, A. B. Grubbs; Attica, To be supplied; Bargersville, O. F. Lydy; Bellmore, To be supplied Black Hawk, T. B. Kelsey;

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Brazil, Celia Austin; Bethlehem, J. A. Hawkins Centerpoint, M. O. Mumford; Clay City, M. Beall; Clay City No. 2, G. E. Fox; Cloverland, Elizabeth Chappelle; Columbus, C. P. Martin; Cowan, G. R. Powell; Crawfordsville, N. P. France; Crawfordsville Circuit, C. I. Rousch; Daleville, H. A. Strohl; Dunkirk, A. Edrington; Elwood, To be supplied; Franklin, To be supplied; Gaston, W. H. Segraves; Geneva, J. R. Knipe, Grace Knipe; Greenfield, Mack Crider; Greenfield Circuit, F. F. Bray; Greensfork, To be supplied; Gwynneville, F. L. Dennis; Hartford City, M. F. Dawson; Harmony, W. H. Peyton; Hillsdale, W. E. Dye; Honey Creek, W. H. Shepherd.

Indianapolis, First Church, D. Jay Good; Indianapolis, Brookside Park, M. K. Richardson; Indianapolis, University Heights, W. L. Waldo; Kingman, E. J. Jenkins; Lapel, L. A. Huddleston; Lebanon, To be supplied; Marion, First Church, G. M. Myers; Marion, Swayzee Street, J. Rosenberger; Marion, Spencer Avenue, Laura A. Love; Marion, Christy Street, E. E. Stewart; Marshall, J. C. Shrigley; Mill Grove, H. C. Schlarb; Modoc, C. E. Hunt; Mohawk, J. B. Smith; Montpelier, E. B. Cunningham, Ida Cunningham; Mt. Pleasant, To be supplied.

Muncie, Normal City, To be supplied; Muncie, Riverside, A. Myer; Muncie, Industry, O. E. Evans; Muncie, Macedonia Avenue, To be supplied; Muncie, Fountain Square, A. C. Wilmore; New Castle, A. B. Arford; New Goshen, M. A. Parr; New Lisbon, To be supplied; Noblesville, J. M. Tuggle; Noblesville Circuit, C. R. Archer; Pendleton, C. G. McCrocklin; Perrysville, C. J. Swain; Petroleum, M. A. Robbins; Portland, J. H. Nall; Portland, No. 2, C. K. Saylor; Prairieton, Floyd Everly; Red Key, L. L. Schoonover; Richmond, H. S. James; Saratoga. G. H. Barker; Saratoga Circuit, F. T. Atkinson; Selma, N. S. Tranbarger; St, Bernice, W. E. Dye; Stone Bluff, H. A. Bogard; St. Paul, Harry Burchard; Terhune, A. D. Smith; Terre Haute, First Church, L. O. Blake; Terre Haute, Barbour Avenue, J. A. Bray; Terre Haute, Second Avenue, W. H. Halberstadt; Terre Haute, Eighth Avenue, Elizabeth Chappelle; Terre Haute, Third Church, C. C. Breden; Upland, C. C. Fruth; Veedersburg, H. W. Robbins; Wabash, First Church, J. I. Lindsay; Wabash, Second Church, To be supplied; Wabash, Lincolnville, W. A. Settle; Wabash Circuit, To be supplied; Warrington, To be supplied.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1915

(Conference held at University Heights, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 25, 1915)

Conference Superintendent—J. E. Shannon

Anderson, First Church, C. J. Fox; Anderson, Bailey Church, M. P. Kindred; Andersonville, A. B. Grubbs; Attica, C. A. Dwyer; Bargersville, O. J. Bogard; Bellmore, J. P. Miller; Bethlehem, J. A. Hawkins; Bowers, Glen Sponsler; Brazil, Celia Austin; Centerpoint, M. O. Mumford; Clay City, No. 1, M. Beall; Clay City, No. 2, Vernon B. Goss; Cloverland, R. S. Parr; Columbus, C. P. Martin; Cowan, F. T. Atkinson; Crawfordsville, N. P. France; Crawfordsville No. 1, W. M. Griffin; Crawfordsville No. 2, Glen Sponsler; Daleville, O. F. Lydy; Dunkirk, C. E. Hunt; Elwood, C. C. Fruth; Franklin, W. T. Sanders; Gaston, W. H. Segraves; Geneva, J. R. Knipe; Greenfield, C. E. Small; Greenfield Circuit, C. E.

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Small; Greensfork, O. E. Evans; Gwynneville, G. R. Powell; Harmony, W. H. Peyton; Hartford City, M. F. Dawson; Hillsdale, W. E. Dye; Honey Creek, E. A. Struble.

Indianapolis, First Church, D. J. Good; Indianapolis, Brookside Park, J. B. Parsons; Indianapolis, University Heights, F. L. Dennis; Kingman, Mack Crider; Landess, W. Milburn; Lapel, Floyd Everly; Lebanon, J. M. Tuggle; Linnsburg, W. M. Griffin; Lynn, E. Howell; Marion, First Church, G. M. Myers; Marion, Swayzee Street, J. A. Bray; Marion, Spencer Avenue, Laura A. Love; Marion, Christy Street, W. H. Shepherd; Marshall, J. C. Shrigley; Mill Grove, H. C. Schlarb; Modoc, C. R. Archer; Mohawk, E. S. Stewart; Montpelier, E. B. Cunningham, Ida Cunningham.

Muncie, Fountain Square, A. C. Wilmore; Muncie, Industry, Elizabeth Chappelle; Muncie, Normal City, W. L. Waldo; Muncie, Riverside, A. Myer; New Castle, L. L. Schoonover; New Goshen, R. S. Parr; New Lisbon, O. E. Evans; Noblesville, F. F. Bray; Noblesville Circuit, C. G. McCrocklin; Pendleton, Noah Dunn; Perrysville, C. J. Swain; Petroleum, M. A. Robbins; Portland, No. 1, J. H. Nall; Portland, No. 2, C. K. Saylor; Prairieton, Joseph Carter; Red Key, J. Rosenberger; Richmond, H. S. James; Riley, T. B. Kelsey; Saratoga, G. H. Barker; Saratoga Circuit, C. B. Small; Selma, N. S. Tranbarger; St. Bernice, W. E. Dye; Stone Bluff, H. A. Bogard; St. Paul, Grover Wright; Terhune, A. D. Smith; Terre Haute, First Church, L. O. Blake; Terre Haute, Barbour Avenue, C. I. Rousch; Terre Haute, Second Avenue, W. H. Halberstadt; Terre Haute, Third Church, C. C. Breden; Upland, Roy Schwartz; Veedersburg, L. A. Huddleston; Wabash, First Church, J. I. Lindsay; Wabash, Second Church, Ray Lopp; Wabash Circuit, Ray Lopp; Wabash, Lincolnville, W. A. Settle; Warrington, A. Edrington; West Terre Haute, J. L. Brandenburg.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1916

(Conference held at Wabash, Indiana, August 30, 1916)

Conference Superintendent—J. E. Shannon

Anderson, C. J. Fox; Anderson, Bailey Chapel, E. A. Struble; Andersonville, Emma Miller; Attica, C. A. Dwyer; Bargersville-Honey Creek, C. G. McCrocklin; Bargersville-Smith Valley, O. J. Bogard; Bellmore, H. A. Bogard; Bethlehem, R. S. Parr; Black Hawk, T. J. Richey; Bowling Green, Wm. Milburn; Brazil, A. D. Smith; Centerpoint, M. O. Mumford; Cates, W. E. Dye; Clay City, L. A. Huddleston; Cloverland, A. D. Smith; Columbus, C. P. Martin; Cowan, F. T. Atkinson; Crawfordsville, First Church, W. L. Duncan; Crawfordsville Circuit, No. 1, W. M. Griffin; Crawfordsville Circuit No. 2, G. L. Sponsler; Daleville, O. F. Lydy; Dunkirk, C. E. Hunt; Elwood, C. C. Fruth, H. C. Schlarb; Franklin, W. T. Sanders; Gaston, Laura A. Love; Geneva, E. B. Cunningham, Ida Cunningham; Greenfield Church, R. B. Lopp; Greenfield Circuit, R. B. Lopp; Greensfork, D. P. Coddington; Gwynneville, G. R. Powell; Harmony, W. H. Segraves; Hartford City, M. F. Dawson; Hillsdale, W. H. Peyton; Honey Creek, E. A. Struble; Independence, To be supplied.

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Indianapolis, Brookside Park, J. B. Parsons; Indianapolis, Ebenezer, W. Montgomery; Indianapolis, First Church, D. J. Good; Indianapolis Mission, C. N. Broughman; Indianapolis, University Heights, N. P. France; Indianapolis, West Side Mission, Ira Hawley; Kingman, To be supplied; Landess, T. A. Garriott; Lapel, Floyd Everly; Lebanon, J. M. Tuggle; Lynn, C. R. Archer; Marion, Christy Street, O. E. Evans; Marion, First Church, G. M. Myers; Marion, Spencer Avenue, T. A. Garriott; Marion, Swayzee Street, J. A. Bray; Marshall, To be supplied; Modoc, C. R. Archer; Mohawk, C. E. Lambert; Montpelier, No. 1, M. A. Robbins Montpelier, No. 2, H. Schlarb.

Muncie, Fountain Square, A. C. Wilmore; Muncie, Industry, Elizabeth Chappelle; Muncie, Normal City, W. L. Waldo; Muncie, Riverside, C. E. Small. New Castle, L. L. Schoonover; New Goshen, R. S. Parr; New Lisbon, D. P. Coddington; Noblesville Circuit, J. A. Settle; Noblesville, First Church, F. F. Bray; Pendleton, M. P. Kindred; Perrysville, W. H. Peyton, Petroleum, J. R. Knipe; Portland, No. 1, J. H. Nall; Portland, No. 2, C. K. Saylor; Prairieton, J. A. Carter; Red Key, J. Rosenberger; Richmond, H. S. James; Riley, T. B. Kelsey; Saline City, T. B. Kelsey; Sanford, C. J. Swain; Saratoga, Alonzo Myer; Saratoga Circuit, E. L. Weimer; Selma, C. R. Archer; St. Bernice, C. J. Swain; Stone Bluff, C. A. Dwyer; St. Paul, J. F. Rogers; Terhune, J. C. Shrigley; Terre Haute, Barbour Avenue, C. I. Rousch; Terre Haute, First Church, L. O. Blake; Terre Haute, Second Avenue, W. H. Halberstadt; Terre Haute, Third Church, C. C. Breden; Upland, Roy Schwartz; Veedersburg, G. H. Barker; Wabash Circuit, M. Beall; Wabash, First Church, J. I. Lindsay; Wabash, Lincolnville, W. A. Settle; Wabash, Second Church, M. Beall; Warrington, A. Edrington; West Terre Haute, J. L. Brandenburg.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1917

(Conference held at University Heights, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 29, 1917)
Conference Superintendent—J. E. Shannon

Anderson, E. T. Aldrich; Anderson, Bailey Chapel, Alonzo Myer; Andersonville, Emma Miller; Attica, C. A. Dwyer; Bargersville, L. B. Venatta; Bellmore, H. A. Bogard; Bethlehem, R. S. Parr; Black Hawk, To be supplied; Bowling Green, Wm. Milburn; Brazil, C. G. McCrocklin; Cates, W. H. Peyton; Centerpoint, W. E. Dye; Clay City, L. A. Huddleston; Cloverland, To be supplied; Columbus, C. P. Martin; Cowan, F. T. Atkinson; Crawfordsville Circuit No. 1, W. M. Griffin; Crawfordsville Circuit No. 2, J. A. Settle; Crawfordsville, First Church, J. I. Lindsay; Daleville, J. Rosenberger; Dunkirk, C. R. Archer; Elwood, C. C. Fruth; Franklin, W. T. Sanders; Gaston, J. F. Rogers; Geneva, E. B. Cunningham, Ida Cunningham; Greenfield Church, R. B. Lopp; Greenfield Circuit, R. B. Lopp; Greensfork, D. P. Coddington; Gwynneville, T. A. Garriott; Harmony, W. H. Segraves; Hartford City, M. F. Dawson; Hillsdale, J. A. Carter; Honey Creek, Floyd Everly; Independence, T. B. Kelsey.

Indianapolis, Belmont Avenue, W. R. Montgomery; Indianapolis, Brookside Park, J. B. Parsons; Indianapolis, Ebenezer, H. A. Lashbrook; Indianapolis, First, C. C. Gohn; Indianapolis, University Heights, N. P. France; Kingman, J. M. Tuggle; Landess, C. A. Modlin; Lapel, J. H. Cochran; Lebanon, D. H.

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Muncie, Fountain Square, A. C. Wilmore; Muncie, Industry, Elizabeth Chappelle; Muncie, Normal City, W. L. Waldo; Muncie, Riverside, C. E. Small; New Castle, L. L. Schoonover; New Goshen, R. S. Parr; New Lisbon, To be supplied; Noblesville Church, O. F. Lydy; Noblesville Circuit, C. E. Lambert; Pendleton, To be supplied; Perrysville, J. A. Carter; Petroleum, J. R. Knipe; Portland, No. 1, J. H. Nall; Portland, No. 2, C. K. Saylor; Prairieton, C. J. Swain; Red Key, C. E. Hunt; Richmond, H. S. James; Riley, L. E. Smith; Rushville, G. W. Mann; Saline City, L. E. Smith; Sanford, J. L. Brandenburg; Saratoga, E. A. Struble; Saratoga Circuit, E. L. Weimer; Selma, To be supplied; St. Bernice, I. Harris; Stone Bluff, C. A. Dwyer; St. Paul, A. B. McCain; Terhune, J. C. Shrigley; Terre Haute, Barbour Avenue, C. I. Rousch; Terre Haute, First, L. O. Blake; Terre Haute, Second Avenue, W. H. Halberstadt; Terre Haute, Third, C. C. Breden, Kate Breden; Upland, V. B. Goss; Veedersburg, G. H. Barker; Wabash Circuit, W. H. Farley; Wabash First, N. H. McAllister; Wabash, Lincolnville, W. A. Settle; Wabash Second, W. L. Landis; Warrington, H. W. Robbins; West Terre Haute, J. L. Brandenburg.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1918

(Conference held at Portland, Indiana, August 27, 1918)

Conference Superintendent—J. E. Shannon

Anderson, E. T. Aldrich; Andersonville, W. T. Sanders; Attica, T. B. Kelsey; Bailey Chapel, O. E. Evans; Bargersville, L. B. Venatta; Bethlehem, C. K. Saylor; Black Hawk, To be supplied; Bowling Green, W. E. Dye; Brazil, W. H. Peyton; Cates, V. B. Goss; Centerpoint, W. E. Dye; Clay City, L. A. Huddleston; Cloverland, W. H. Halberstadt; Columbus, C. P. Martin; Cowan, J. H. Cochran; Crawfordsville, No. 1, W. M. Sherrill; Crawfordsville, No. 2, J. Rosenberger; Daleville, C. A. Modlin; Dunkirk, C. R. Archer; Elwood charge, Bellrattle Church, C. Webb; Elwood charge, Elwood Church, J. O. Lewis; Elwood charge, Howard Chapel, Roy Schwartz; Franklin, W. T. Sanders; Gaston, J. F. Rogers; Geneva, C. G. McCrocklin; Greenfield, D. H. Pellett, Celia Pellett; Greensfork, D. P. Coddington; Gwynneville, T. A. Garriott; Harmony, O. C. Taylor; Hartford City, M. F. Dawson; Hillsdale, J. A. Carter; Honey Creek, Floyd Everly; Independence, T. B. Kelsey.

Indianapolis, Belmont Avenue, W. R. Montgomery; Indianapolis, Brookside Park, J. B. Parsons; Indianapolis, Ebenezer, H. A. Lashbrook; Indianapolis, First Church, C. C. Gohn; Indianapolis, University Heights, N. P. France; Kingman, J. M. Tuggle; Landess, F. F. Bray; Lapel, E. B. Cunningham, Ida Cunningham; Lebanon-Beech Grove, Jesse Towns; Lebanon-Max, Imri Blackburn; Lynn, W. E. Albea; Marion, Christy Street, H. C. Schlarb; Marion, First Church, W. L. Waldo; Marion, Spencer Avenue, M. O. Mumford; Marion,

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Muncie, Fountain Square, A. C. Wilmore; Muncie, Industry, Elizabeth Chappelle; Muncie, Normal City, R. S. Parr; Muncie, Riverside, C. E. Small; New Castle, L. I. Schoonover; New Goshen, C. K. Saylor; Noblesville Circuit, C. E. Lambert; Noblesville, First, O. F. Lydy; Pendleton, O. E. Evans; Perrysville, J. A. Carter; Petroleum, J. R. Knipe; Portland, No. 1, J. H. Nall; Portland, No. 2, F. T. Atkinson; Prairieton, J. L. Brandenburg; Red Key, C. E. Hunt; Richmond, H. S. James; Riley, L. E. Smith; Rockville, C. J. Swain; Rushville, To be supplied; Saline City, L. E. Smith; Saratoga, E. A. Struble; Selma, M. A. Robbins; St. Bernice, Wm. Milburn; Stone Bluff, Angus Jeffers; St. Paul, A. B. McKain; Terhune, J. C. Shrigley; Terre Haute, Barbour Avenue, C. I. Rousch; Terre Haute, First Church, L. O. Blake; Terre Haute, Second Avenue, W. H. Halberstadt; Terre Haute, Third, C. C. Breden, Kate Breden; Upland, M. Beall; Veedersburg, H. W. Robbins; Wabash Circuit, B. H. Spratt; Wabash First, R. L. Fletcher; Wabash, Lincolnville, W. A. Settle; Wabash, Second, W. H. Farley, Flossie Farley; Warrington, A. B. Arford; West Terre Haute, Wm. Milburn; White River Chapel, M. A. Robbins.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1919

(Conference held at University Heights, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 26, 1919)

Conference Superintendent, J. E. Shannon

Anderson, L. A. McIntyre; Andersonville, E. C. Reidenbach; Attica, W. H. Peyton; Bailey Chapel, Angus Jeffers; Bargersville, L. B. Venatta; Bethlehem, J. P. Miller; Black Hawk, Wm. Milburn; Bowers, To be supplied; Bowling Green, C. K. Dillman; Brazil No. 1, R. E. Webber; Brazil No. 2, R. E. Webber; Cates, To be supplied; Centerpoint, C. K. Dillman; Clay City, T. B. Kelsey; Cloverland, W. H. Halberstadt; Columbus, C. P. Martin; Cowan, W. T. Sanders; Crawfordsville, W. N. Sherrill; Crawfordsville Circuit, S. L. Walls; Daleville, C. A. Modlin; Dunkirk, I. L. Curts; Dunkirk Circuit, C. R. Archer; Elwood, O. E. Evans; Franklin, D. P. Coddington; Greenwood, E. C. Reidenbach; Gaston, J. F. Rogers; Geneva, C. G. McCrocklin; Greenfield, G. F. Snyder; Greensfork, A. B. McKain; Gwynneville, T. A. Garriott; Harmony, M. I. Webber; Hartford City, M. F. Dawson; Hillsdale, J. A. Carter; Honey Creek, Floyd Everly; Independence, J. A. Settle.

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WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1920

(Conference held at Terre Haute, Indiana, August 31, 1920)

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WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1921

(Conference held at Anderson, Indiana, August 31, 1921)

Conference Superintendent—J. B. Parsons

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WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1922

(Conference held at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 29, 1922)

Conference Superintendent—J. B. Parsons

Anderson, L. L. Schoonover; Anderson Circuit, O. E. Evans; Andersonville, Paul Chalfant; Attica, C. A. Whitsell; Bargersville-Honey Creek, G. F. Snyder; Beech Grove, Roy Davis; Black Hawk, Circuit, Dean Ferguson; Bowers Circuit, Lucy R. Sharp; Bowling Green, M. F. Sherrill; Brazil, T. A. Garriott; Brazil Circuit, E. L. Eckerly; Cates, W. H. Halberstadt; Center, R. H. Turley; Centerpoint Circuit, H. E. Conn; Cloverland Circuit, J. H. Osborn; Clay City, T. B. Kelsey; Crawfordsville, W. A. Settle; Crawfordsville Circuit-Stone Bluff, J. C. Roberts; Daleville, M. Beall; Dunkirk, I. L. Curts; Dunkirk Circuit, Claude Croy; Elwood Circuit, W. T. Sanders; Franklin Circuit, W. E. Dye; Geneva, J. H. Cochran; Greenfield-Salem, C. A. Gaylor; Gwynneville, J. O. Lewis; Greensfork Circuit, L. R. Sharp; Hartford City, C. J. Fox; Honey Creek, W. L. Waldo.

Indianapolis, Belmont, C. O. Hittle; Indianapolis, Brookside Park, C. P. Martin; Indianapolis, Calvary, L. P. Cooper; Indianapolis, Community, Grace Knipe; Indianapolis, First, C. C. Gohn; Indianapolis, University Heights, S. E. Long; Kingman, H. A. Lashbrook; Landess, C. A. Modlin; Lapel, J. C. Shrigley; Lebanon, Forest Reed; Lincolnville, R. E. Webber; Marion, Christy Street, W. H. Peyton; Marion, First, C. E. Small; Marion, Spencer Avenue, C. A. Modlin; Marion, Swayzee Street, C. G. McCrocklin; Modoc Circuit, A. F. Byrne; Mohawk Circuit, D. P. Coddington; Montpelier, Bethel and Pleasant Dale, C. R. Archer; Montpelier, Center-Oak Chapel, Wade Farley.

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WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1923

(Conference held at Columbus, Indiana, August 28, 1923)

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WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1924

(Conference held at Clay City, Indiana, September 2, 1924)

Conference Superintendent—J. B. Parson

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WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

1925

(Conference held at University Heights, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 25, 1925

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VI.

APPOINTMENT RECORD

Arranged and Compiled by A. C. Wilmore, Registrar

The following record is arranged and published as an aid to historical and beneficiary objects. Record is made only of presiding elders, superintendents and pastors while in the itinerant ministry in charge of work in White River Conference.

An effort is made to condense as much as possible by using abbreviations easily understood. The figures "18" and "19" are omitted from the years given as all the appointments are in those two centuries.

Instances in which no record is made of services are doubtless caused by lack of data.

Explanatory; To find the length of pastorate on a charge from the following record it will be necessary to take into account BOTH the FIRST and LAST year of appointment. '15-'20 means six years of service on that appointment.

APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS OF THE CONFERENCE

Arford, A. B.—'07-'14, New Castle; '18-'20, Warrington; '21-'23, Columbus; '24, Indianapolis, Brookside Park.

Atkinson, F. T.—'14, Saratoga Circuit; '15-'17, Cowan; '18-'22, Portland Circuit; '23-'24, Marion, Spencer Avenue.

Bartlett, M. V.—'05, Mohawk; '06, Muncie, Industry; '07, Lincolnville; '08-'09, Hagerstown; '10, New Lisbon.

Barrick, M. D.—'23-'24, Beech Grove.

Bauman, C. W.—'99, Jewett; '00-'01, Birds; '02-'03, Bluford; '04-'05, Flora; '06-'07, Prairieton; '08-'09, New Goshen; '10, Harmony; '11-'12, West Terre Haute.

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Beall, M.—'00, North Marion; '01-'04, Gaston; '05-'06, Lincolnville; '07-'08, Petroleum; '09-'10, Honey Creek; '11, Cowan; '12-'13, Daleville; '14-'15, Clay City; '16, Gaston; '17-'18, Modoc; '19-'20, Red Key; '21, Warrington; '22-'23, Daleville; '24, Modoc.

Blake, L. O.—'97-'00, Columbus; '01-'02, Anderson; '04-'06, Anderson; '07-'08, Marion, First Church; '09-'11; Daleville; '12-'20, Terre Haute, First Church; '21-'24, Superintendent Montana Mission Conference.

Bray, F. F.—'11-'12, Petroleum; '13-'14, Greenfield Circuit; '15-'16, Noblesville; '17, Bailey; '18, Landess.

Bray, J. A.—'91-'93, Converse; '94, Dublin; '95-'97, Anderson; '98-'02, Wabash, First Church; '03-'11, Hartford City; '12-'14, Terre Haute, Barbour Avenue; '15-'19, Marion Swayzee Street; '20-'22, Terre Haute, Breden Memorial; '23, Crawfordsville; '24, Muncie, Riverside.

Brandenburg, J. L.—'15-'17, West Terre Haute; '18-'21, Prairieton; '22-'24, Terre Haute, Second Avenue.

Brennaman, J. A.—'21, Marion, First Church; '22-'24, Muncie, Normal City.

Burchard, Harry—'24, Andersonville.

Byrne, A. F.—'19-'22, Modoc; '23-'24, Honey Creek.

Carter, J. A.—'15-'16, Prairieton; '17-'19, Hillsdale-Perrysville; '20-'21, Cates; '22, Portland, Center; '23, Mohawk; '24, St. Paul.

Chalfant, Paul—'21-'23, Andersonville; '24, Rushville.

Chappelle, Elizabeth—'12-'13, Attica; '14, Cloverland; '15-'18, Muncie, Industry; '19, Terre Haute, Second Avenue.

Cochran, J. H.—'16-'17, Lapel; '20, Honey Creek; '21-'22, Geneva; '23, Montpelier; '24, Petroleum.

Coddington, D. P.—'16-'18, Greensfork; '19, Franklin; '20, Attica, Independence; '21-'22, Mohawk; '23-'24, Portland Circuit.

Conn, H. E.—'22-'24, Center Point.

Cooper, L. P.—'11-'12, Indianapolis, University Heights; '20-'24, Indianapolis, Calvary.

Cooper, O. P.—'09-'10, Noblesville; '11, Marshall; '22-'23, Attica, Riverside.

Croy, Claude—'19-'21, Upland; '22-'24, Dunkirk Circuit.

Cunningham, E. B.—'10, Lebanon Circuit; '11, Lynn; '12-'13, Franklin; '14-'15, Montpelier; '16-'17, Geneva; '18, Lapel.

Cunningham, Ida M.—'10, Lebanon Station; '11, Lynn; '12-'13, Hagerstown; '14-'15, Montpelier; '16-'17, Geneva; '18, Lapel.

Curtz, I. L.—'19-'24, Dunkirk Station.

Dawson, M. F.—'87-'89, Warrington; '90-'92, Noblesville; '93-'98, Franklin; '99-'02, Montpelier; '03-'07, Presiding Elder, Indianapolis District; '08-'09, Marion District; '10, Marion, First Church; '11, Marion District; '12-'20, Hartford City, '21-'24, Veedersburg.

Davis, R. V.—'22, Beech Grove; '23, Terre Haute, Fort Harrison; '24, Harmony.

Dye, W. E.—'12, Pendleton; '13-'15, Hillsdale; '16, Cates; '17-'18, Center Point; '21, Franklin; '22-'24, Marion, Christy Street.

Eckerly, E. L.—'20, Lebanon Circuit; '21-'23, Brazil Circuit; '24, Crawfordsville Circuit.

Emmert, A. E.—'23-'24, Terre Haute Circuit.

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Evans, O. E.—'83-'85, Elwood; '86, Montpelier; '87-'88, Converse; '89, Cowan; '90, Greenwood; '91, Selma; '92-'95, St. Paul; '96, Clifty; '97-'00, Cowan; '01-'02, Greentown; '03, Wabash Circuit; '04-'06, Petroleum; '07, Gaston; '08, Dunkirk; '09-'12, Bellfountaine; '13-'14, Muncie, Industry; '15, Greensfork; '16-'17, Marion, Christy Street; '18, Pendleton; '19, Elwood; '20, Greensfork; '21, Cowan; '22, Upland; '23, Franklin Circuit.

Everly, Floyd—'13-'14, Prairieton; '15, Lapel; '16, Kingman; '17-'19, Honey Creek; '20-'21, Terre Haute, Second Avenue; '22-'23, Saline City; '24, Brazil Circuit.

France, N. P.—'03-'04, Columbus; '05, Pendleton; '06-'08, Middletown; '09-'12, Marion, Swayzee Street; '13, Petroleum; '14-'15, Crawfordsville; '16-'18, Indianapolis, University Heights; '19-'20, New Castle; '21-'23, Saratoga; '24, Clay City.

Farley, Wade H.—'17-'19, Wabash, Second Church; '21, Landess; '22, Oak Chapel; '23, Wabash, Second Church.

Farley, Flossie Derck—'22-'24, Wabash, Second Church.

Ferguson, D. M.—'21, Pleasant Valley; '23, Black Hawk; '24, Cloverland.

Fruth, C. C.—'15-'16, Elwood; '17-'18, Montpelier; '19, Saint Paul; '20, Wabash Circuit; '21-'23, Muncie, Industry; '24, Saratoga.

Garriott, T. A.—'16, Marion, Spencer Avenue; '17-'19, Gwynneville; '20-'21, Kingman; '22-'23, New Castle; '24, Marion, First Church.

Goss, V. B.—'17, Upland; '18, Cates; '19, West Terre Haute; '20, Saline City; '21-'23, Riley; '24, Hillsdale-Black Hawk.

Griffin, W. M.—'06, Elwood; '09, Warrington; '12, Terhune; '15-'17, Crawfordsville Circuit; '20, Bailey Chapel; '21-'23, New Goshen; '24, Terhune.

Guthrie, C. E.—'21-'22, Terre Haute, Fort Harrison; '23-'24, Smith Valley.

Hart, S. I.—'20, Andersonville; '21, Hillsdale; '22-'24, St. Bernice.

Hittle, C. O.—'22, Indianapolis, Belmont.

Huddleston, L. A.—'09-'10, Portland; '11-'14, Lapel; '15, Veedersburg; '16-'18, Clay City; '19-'21, Lebanon.

Hunt, C. E.—'92, Selma; '93-'94, Warrington; '95-'96, Hartford City; '97-'99, St. Paul; '00-'02, Middletown; '03, New Castle; '04, Olio; '05-'06, Greentown; '07-'08, Cowan; '09, Lebanon; '10-'11, Franklin; '12-'13, Lynn; '14, Modoc; '15-'16, Dunkirk; '17-'18, Red Key; '19-'20, Muncie, Industry; '21, Petroleum.

James, H. S.—'89, Marion; '90, Selma; '90-'91, Greenwood; '93-'96, Kokomo; '97-'98, Marion, First Church; '99-'00, Muncie, Congerville; '01-'02, Columbus; '03, Indianapolis, First Church; '04, Muncie, Riverside; '05-'07, Presiding Elder, Marion District; '08, Marion, Swayzee Street; '09-'24, Richmond.

Johnson, D. E.—'01-'02, Selma; '07, Markleville; '08-'09, New Lisbon; '10, Cowan; '11-'13, Warrington; '14, New Lisbon; '23, Lynn.

Kelsey, T. B.—'08-'10, Marshall; '11-'12, Lebanon Circuit; '14-'16, Riley; '17, Independence; '18, Attica; '19-'23, Clay City; '24, New Castle.

Knipe, J. R.—'07, Portland; '08-'09, Wabash, First Church; '14-'15, Geneva; '16-'18, Petroleum; '19-'20, Veedersburg; '21-'22, Noblesville Circuit; '23-'24, Geneva.

Knipe, Grace—'07, Portland; '08-'09, Wabash, First Church; '14-'16, Geneva; '20, Veedersburg Circuit.

Lashbrook, H. A.—'17-'18, Indianapolis, Ebenezer; '19-'21, St. Bernice; '22-'24, Kingman.

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Leader, C. W.—'21, Stone Bluff; '22-'24, West Terre Haute.

Lewis, J. O.—'17-'18, Elwood; '19, Wabash Circuit; '20-'21, Montpelier; '22-'23, Gwynneville; '24, New Goshen.

Long, S. E.—'92-'94, Prairieton; '95-'97, Casey; '98, Paris; '99, Casey; '00-'09, Terre Haute, First Church; '10-'11, Indianapolis, First Church; '19-'23, Indianapolis, University Heights.

Lopp, R. B.—'15, Wabash Circuit; '16-'17, Greenfield.

Lusk, Dwight R.—'23-'24, Lincolnville.

Lydy, O. F.—'95, Andersonville; '96-'97, Blue River; '98, Mohawk; '99-'00; Clifty; '01, Mohawk; '02-'04, Pendleton; '05-'08, Greenfield; '09-'12, Blue River; '13-'14, Bargersville; '15-'16, Daleville; '17-'21, Noblesville; '22-'23, Muncie, Riverside; '24, Columbus, Wertz Memorial.

McCrocklin, C. G.—'13-'14, Pendleton; '15, Noblesville Circuit; '16-'17, Brazil; '18-'19, Geneva; '20-'24, Marion, Swayzee Street.

McHargue, J. M.—'98, Coal Bluff; '99, Veedersburg; '01, Gilboa; '02-'03, Kingman; '04, Broadlands; '05-'06, Kingman; '08, Sheldon; '09-'11, Perrysville; '12-'13, Harmony; '22, Cates.

Martin, C. P.—'98, Warrington; '08-'09, Pendleton; '10-'12, Wabash, First Church; '13-'20, Columbus; '21-'23, Indianapolis, Brookside Park.

Milburn, William—'15, Landess; '16-'17, Bowling Green; '18, West Terre Haute; '19-'20, Black Hawk; '21, Elwood; '22, Perrysville-Hillsdale.

Miller, J. P.—'10, Elwood; '11, Otterbein; '12-'13, Black Hawk; '14, Bellmore; '15, Pendleton; '19, New Goshen.

Miller, Emma Wright—'95-'98, New Castle; '99, North Marion; '03-'05, Blue River; '06, Gaston; '16-'17, Andersonville; '18-'23, Rushville; '24, Muncie, Olive Chapel.

Modlin, C. A.—'17, Landess; '18-'19, Daleville; '20, Lapel; '21, Bailey Chapel; '22, Marion, Spencer Avenue.

Montgomery, W. R.—'16, Indianapolis, Ebenezer; '17-'18, Indianapolis, Belmont Avenue; '22-'23, Noblesville; '24, Indianapolis, University Heights.

Mumford, M. O.—'13-'16, Center Point; '17-'19, Marion, Spencer Avenue; '20-'21, Gwynneville; '22, Prairieton; '23-'24, Rockville.

Nall, J. H.—'02, New Castle; '03-'05, Wabash, First Church; '06-'13, Red Key; '14-'24, Portland, First Church.

Parr, R. S.—'14,-'17, New Goshen; '18-'20, Muncie, Normal City; '21-'24, Wabash, First Church.

Parsons, J. B.—'98, Dublin; '99-'00, Selma; '01, Muncie; '05-'07, Muncie, Riverside; '08-'09, Muncie, Central; '15-'20, Indianapolis, Brookside Park; '21-'24, Conference Superintendent.

Peyton, W. H.—'12-'13, Elwood; '14-'15, Harmony; '16, Perrysville; '17, Cates; '18, Brazil; '19, Stone Bluff; '20, Cowan; '21, Marion, Christy Street; '22, Franklin; '23, Warrington; '24, Red Key.

Phillips, W. H.—'23-'24, Cates.

Powell, G. R.—'14, Cowan; '15-'16, Gwynneville; '17, Marion, First Church.

Reed, F. A.—'22-'24, Lebanon.

Reed, Mack—'23, Crawfordsville Circuit; '24, Attica, Independence.

Robbins, H. W.—'88, Gaston; '05-'08, Franklin; '09-'12, Greenfield; '13-'14, Veedersburg; '17, Warrington; '18, Veedersburg; '19-'20, Hillsdale; '23-'24, Brazil.

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Robbins, M. A.—'98, Sugar Grove; '00, Boyleston; '01, Union; '02, Mohawk; '03-'05, Cowan; '06-'08, Lynn; '09, Lincolnville; '10, Gaston; '11-'12, Honey Creek; '13, Bellfountaine; '14-'15, Petroleum; '16, Montpelier; '17-'19, Selma; '20-'21, Dunkirk Circuit; '22-'23, Wabash Circuit; '24, Franklin.

Roberts, J. T.—'85, Franklin; '87-'89, Sugar Creek; '91-'92, Indianapolis, First Church; '94-'97, Presiding Elder, Indianapolis District; '98-'04, Marion District; '08-'10, Indianapolis District; '11, Terre Haute District; '12, Indianapolis District.

Roberts, J. C.—'19, Marion, Christy Street; '20, Pendleton; '21, Brazil; '22, Stone Bluff; '23, Modoc; '24, Portland, Collette-Fairview.

Rousch, C. I.—'06-'09, Harmony; '10-'12, Perrysville; '13-'14, Crawfordsville Circuit; '15-'18, Terre Haute, Barbour Avenue; '19-'20, Noblesville Circuit; '21-'24, Selma.

Sanders, W. T.—'14-'17, Franklin; '18-'19, Cowan; '20, Franklin; '21, Greensfork; '22-'24, Elwood.

Schoonover, L. L.—'14, Red Key; '15-'18, New Castle; '19-'20, Wabash, First Church; '21, Muncie, Normal City; '22-'24, Anderson.

Schwartz, Roy—'19-'20, Elwood; '21-'23, Terhune; '24, Daleville.

Settle, W. A.—'06-'07, Union; '08, Converse; '10-'11, Saratoga; '12-'20, Lincolnville; '22, Crawfordsville; '23-'24, Terre Haute, Breden Memorial.

Shannon, J. E.—'93-'94, Columbus; '95-'99, Indianapolis, First Church; '00-'01, Marion, First Church; '02, Presiding Elder, Indianapolis District; '03-'05, Marion, First Church; '09, Marion, First Church; '10, Indianapolis, University Heights; '11-'12, Marion, First Church; '13-'20, Conference Superintendent.

Sharp, L. R.—'21, Portland, Center; '22, Bowers; '23-'24, Perrysville, Gessie, Max.

Shaw, A. M.—'23-'24, Indianapolis, Belmont Avenue.

Sherrill, M. F.—'22-'24, Bowling Green.

Schookman, G. E.—'23-'24, Indianapolis, Community.

Shrigley, J. C.—'12, Stone Bluff; '13-'15, Marshall; '16-'20, Terhune; '21-'24, Lapel.

Sipe, Allie—'92-'94, Nottingham; '95-'97, St. Mary's; '98-'99, Hepburn; '00-'01, Bellfountaine; '02-'03, Collette; '04, Matthews; '05, Frankton; '06, North Marion; '07, Greentown; '08, Collette; '09, Upland; '22, Independence; '23, Hillsdale; '24, Upland.

Small, C. B.—'78, Bethel; '79-'80, Bloomingsport; '81-'82, Stoney Creek; '83-'84, Williamsburg; '85, Blue River; '86-'87, Dublin; '88, Salamonie; '15, Saratoga Circuit.

Small, C. E.—'15, Greenfield; '16-'21, Muncie, Riverside; '22-'23, Marion, First Church; '24, Muncie, Industry.

Smith, L. E.—'15, Kingman; '16, Independence; '17-'19, Saline City; '20-'22, Rockville; '23-'24, Stone Bluff.

Snyder, G. F.—'19-'20, Greenfield; '21, Salem; '22-'23, Bargersville; '24, Gwynneville.

Stadler, M. E.—'19-'20, Lynn; '21-'23, Muncie, Fountain Square; '24, Noblesville.

Stohler, A. E.—'22-'24, Greensfork.

Struble, E. A.—'15-'16, Honey Creek; '17-'18, Saratoga; '19-'20, Petroleum '21-'23, Red Key; '24, Terre Haute, Tabernacle Church.

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Swain, C. J.—'12-'13, Collette; '14-'15, Perrysville; '16, Sanford; '17, Prairieton; '18, Rockville; '19, Andersonville; '20-'21, St. Paul; '22-'23, Petroleum; '24 Montpelier.

Thomas, M. M.—'82, Antioch; '83-'84, Montpelier; '85, New Castle; '97, Roseburg; '98, Gaston.

Todd, W. H.—'21-'24, Terre Haute, First Church.

Tranbarger, N. S.—'90-'91, Cowan; '92-'94, Greentown; '95, Gaston; '96-'97, Dublin; '98, Greenwood; '99-'00, Selma; '02-'03, Frankton; '06, New Castle; '07, New Lisbon; '09, Cowan; '10, Muncie, Industry; '11, Gaston; '14-'15, Selma.

Turley, R. H.—'22, Muncie, Center; '23-'24, Hartford City.

Utsler, J. W.—'85-'86, Hartford City; '87-'89, Selma; '90, Montpelier; '91-'92, Hartford City; '93, Montpelier; '94-'95, Converse; '96-'98, Lincolnville; '99-'02, Hartford City; '03-'04, Selma; '05, Muncie, Industry; '10-'11, Lincolnville; '23, Muncie, Olive Chapel; '24, Muncie, Fountain Square.

Waldo, L. K.—'86-'87, Pleasant Mills; '90, Santa Fe; '91, Yorkshire; '92, Rose Hill; '93-'94, Payne; '07, Dunkirk; '08, Elwood; '09, Collette, '10, Pennville.

Walker, H. T.—'05, Boyleston; '06-'08, Lapel; '09-'11, Montpelier.

Whitecotton, O.—'93, Gaston; '94-'95, Boyleston; '96-'97, Gaston; '98-'00, Laurel; '01-'02, Boyleston.

Wilmore, A. C.—'77-'79, Montpelier; '80, Wabash, First Church; '81-'82, Indianapolis, First Church; '83, Blue River; '84-'85, Hartsville; '86, Presiding Elder, Indianapolis District; '87-'88, Marion District; '89, Indianapolis District; '90-'91, Anderson; '92-'93, Marion District; '94-'95, Noblesville; '96-'98, Montpelier; '99-'01, Indianapolis District; '02-'03, Markleville; '04, New Castle; '05, St. Paul; '06, Cowan; '07, Hagerstown; '08-'09, Saratoga; '10-'11, Collette; '12-'13, Selma; '14-'20, Muncie, Fountain Square; '21, Greenfield; "22-'24, Pendleton.

Note—The figures prefixed to the name of the charge indicate the year in which ministerial service began on that charge, and not the year in which the service closed. Record is made of full years only. This record is a duplicate of the official record, and the statistical chart of the conference. Any error that may be found should be corrected by furnishing the Registrar with the accurate data.

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VII DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

Entered Conference	Ordained	Ent. Trav. Ministry	CHERISHED NAMES	Time of Death		Age	Years in Trav. Min.
1842	1846		James Witt	September 13	1846		
1844	1847	1844	Simon Rutledge		1849		4
1848			Andrew Shearer		1854		
1845	1849		Peter Weaver		1855		
1841	1844		William Witt		1858		15
1842		1843	Jesse Scott		1858		
1862			W. H. Hook		1863		
1848	1850	1848	William B. Witt	March 13	1864	36	5
1831		1842	Joseph A. Ball	September 15	1865		15
1864		1864	Wiley Vickers		1866	(?)	3
1859			William Wright	September 6	1868	35	(?) 5
1862	1867		James H. Bell	January 24	1869	35	2
1839		1842	Silas Andrews	November	1870		
1861	1864	1861	Armstead B. Thorp	January 27	1871	50	10
1861			John R. Burkert	July 24	1871		
1857	1860		Samuel Purtee	February 21	1872		
1871			M. M. Conklin	May 6	1875		
1849	1853		Anselm Butler		1875		
1861	1864	1861	I. Stanley		1875		
1852	1862		Thomas Groenendyke		1876		
1841		1841	Jacob H. Stover	April 30	1877	61	
1872		1872	Elias Bowman	November 29	1877		5
1870	1873		Isaac N. Ware		1878		
1841	1844		John Slonecker	October 16	1878	73	
1856	1859	1859	Andrew Elliott Evans	September 20	1879		20
1861		1861	David Gunckel	February 14	1880		5
1875	1878	1875	James M. Ware	March 12	1880	29	10
1841	1844	1857	Caleb B. Witt	September 22	1880	73	12
1830	1831	1853	Aaron Davis	January 1	1881		12
1876	1880		Job Kershner	May 13	1882		
1880		1881	Joseph Carmony	July	1882		
1861	1866		John Kiger	September 20	1882		
1850	1853		L. W. Mathews	December 5	1882		
1875			J. W. Thornburg		1883		
1831	1838		George Muth	August 29	1883	84	20
1858	1862	1862	Irvin Cox	January 23	1884		11
1841	1844	1841	John T. Vardaman	July 28	1884		40
1843	1846		Isaac Collins	April 28	1885		
1853	1856	1853	Thomas Evans	September 9	1885	62	32
1852	1858	1850	Alexander Carroll	July 23	1886	73	24
1847	1849	1847	Amos R. Day	October 11	1886	63	13
1872	1883		John B. Thornburg	August 27	1887	63	
1828	1829	1868	John Morgan	August 1	1889	88	30
1868	1873		Monroe Groenendyke	November 14	1889	60	12
1890		1891	W. D. Stant	November 27	1892	37	1
1859	1862		James M. Cook	April 24	1895	74	
1889	1892	1892	Isaac Unger	April 30	1899	25	1
1890			Samuel McKee	September 20	1895	78	
1877	1880		Asbury Myer	September 29	1896		
1867	1880		J. Heavenridge				
1887	1895		J. Beachler				
1859	1868		W. A. Davenport	June 15	1898	65	
1848	1851	1848	J. R. Brown	December	1898	73	40
1884	1884		Harrison Harrell	March 4	1900	85	

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Entered Conference	Ordained	Ent. Trav. Ministry	CHERISHED NAMES	Time of Death	Age	Years in Trav. Min
1887	1893	1887	I. V. McCarty	September 6 1900	46	8
1865	1868	1866	Milo L. Bailey	February 12 1902	70	33
1838	1902		Daniel Stover	February 6 1902	88	35
1894	1902		H. J. Russell	September 20 1905	53	12
1873	1877	1875	F. M. Moore	July 4 1906	71	31
1905	1889	1835	D. A. Boyd	May 23 1907	62	22
1890	1871		L. W. Crawford	February 2 1908	88	
1905	1892	1886	Sarah Almira Robbins	July 9 1908	47	22
1892	1899	1892	W. F. Hunt	March 15 1912	53	5
1857	1859		Ira Mater			4
1876	1880		William M. Vail			
1910			W. M. Malson			
1878	1882		G. W. Wiley			
1864	1868	1866	Simon B. Ervin	December 28 1913	70	40
1897	1892		Charles A. Love	February 21 1914	58	25
1888	1896	1887	P. F. Kettring	March 17 1914	57	27
1890	1894	1890	A. D. Markley	March 19 1914	65	24
1906		1874	C. H. Stratton	November 25 1913	67	
1893	1883	1878	W. H. Sarff	May 10 1914	70	23
1891	1894		John A. Bushong	July 3 1914	86	2
1895	1900	1895	Joshua Lewis	October 1914	72	10
1882	1885	1884	John Seelig	April 27 1915	59	26
1889	1902	1888	W. H. Shepherd	May 11 1916	64	28
1884	1888	1882	E. J. Jenkins	March 26 1916	68	33
1898	1898	1906	Laura A. Love	April 28 1917	56	11
1870	1878	1872	Charles A. Fields	July 8 1917	86	9
1876	1880	1884	Alonzo Myer	September 18 1917	67	31
1880	1884	1882	George L. Mattox	January 13 1918	71	23
1916	1867	1864	Samuel Garrigus	July 22 1919	81	
1858	1860	1860	William M. Givens	1918		20
1879	1882	1879	David O. Darling	September 19 1918	68	26
1883	1889	1883	R. B. Van Allen	December 1919	75	24
1900	1903	1900	F. E. Rounds	February 19 1920	44	7
1908	1892	1889	C. C. Breden	June 26 1920	70	31
1887	1899		P. C. Bechdolt			
1886	1891	1886	J. H. Wyant	February 7 1921	64	15
1887	1890		Aaron S. Whetsel	July 1921	78	3
1886	1896	1886	J. M. Tuggle	November 11 1921	68	35
1890	1893	1890	Daniel Shonkwiler	February 23 1923	63	7
1888	1891	1888	William L. Waldo	May 28 1923	64	34
1910			H. A. McBride	June 10 1923		
1875	1880	1875	William Gossett	June 19 1923	80	22
1878	1881	1878	F. E. Penny	July 24 1923	80	25
1894	1897	1894	J. A. Hawkins	January 16 1924	72	20
1896	1906	1890	T. J. Richey	November 14 1924	75	30
1889	1892	1890	James F. Reynolds	May 16 1925	78	16

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VIII SESSIONS OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

	Date of Sessions*	Place	Bishop	Secretary	Assistant Secretary
0	Feb. 21-22 ---------1846	Mt. Pleasant. Barth. Co. ---	Hanby------	J. Slonecker -----	----------
1	Jan. 18-20---------1847	Washington, Wayne Co.----	Russell-----	W. W. Richardson	----------
2	Feb. 3-7 ---------1848	White Chapel, Madison Co.	Glossbrenner	J. Slonecker-----	W. W. Richardson
3	Oct. 6-9 ---------1848	Kingdom Chapel, Shelby Co.	Glossbrenner	J. Slonecker-----	G. Muth
4	Sept. 13-16--------1849	Dublin----------	Glossbrenner	J. Slonecker-----	A. Butler
5	Aug. 22-25---------1850	Andersonville----------	Edwards----	G. Muth---------	G. Muth
6	Aug. 21-25---------1851	White Chapel----------	Edwards----	J. Slonecker-----	G. Muth
7	Aug. 10-13---------1852	Hartsville----------	Edwards----	W. W. Richardson	A. Butler
8	Aug. 21-24---------1853	Sugar Grove----------	Edwards----	M. M. Hook------	M. Wright
9	Aug. 18-22---------1854	Indianapolis----------	Edwards----	G. Muth---------	J. Fohl
10	Aug. 16-22---------1855	Honey Creek, Johnson Co. -	Edwards----	G. Muth---------	P. S. Cook
11	Aug. 8-11---------1856	Abington----------	Edwards----	M. Wright-------	G. W. Price
12	Aug. 13-17---------1857	Perkinsville----------	Edwards----	G. Muth---------	M. Wright
13	Aug. 13-17---------1858	Dublin----------	Edwards----	H. C. Miller-----	J. S. Wall
14	Aug. 18-22---------1859	Olive Branch, Barth. Co.---	Edwards----	H. C. Miller-----	H. C. Miller
15	Aug. 16-20---------1860	Williamsburg----------	Edwards----	P. S. Cook--------	S. B. Irvin
16	Aug. 15-19---------1861	Mt. Pleasant, Delaware Co.	Edwards----	P. S. Cook-------	A. Butler
17	Aug. 13-18---------1862	Sugar Grove----------	Edwards----	M. Wright-------	S. B. Irvin
18	Aug. 13-18---------1863	Xenia----------	Edwards----	M. Wright-------	L. W. Mathews
19	Aug. 17-22---------1864	Hartsville----------	Edwards----	S. M. Surface----	L. W. Mathews
20	Aug. 17-20---------1865	Blue River, Shelby Co.-----	Weaver-----	M. M. Hook------	
21	Aug. 8-12---------1866	Dublin----------	Weaver-----	M. M. Hook------	
22	Aug. 7-11---------1867	Daleville----------	Weaver-----	M. M. Hook------	
23	Aug. 12-16---------1868	Hartsville----------	Weaver-----	W. J. Pruner-----	
24	Aug. 12-16---------1869	Sparrow Creek, Randolph C.	Edwards----	W. J. Pruner-----	
25	Aug. 14-18---------1870	Washington----------	Edwards----	W. J. Pruner-----	
26	Aug. 23-27---------1871	Range Line, Wabash Co.----	Edwards----	W. C. Day-------	
27	Aug. 14-19---------1872	Hartsville----------	Edwards----	W. C. Day-------	
28	Aug. 15-18---------1873	Dublin----------	Dickson-----	W. C. Day-------	
29	Sept. 10-14--------1874	Daleville----------	Dickson-----	W. C. Day-------	
30	Aug. 18-22---------1875	Williamsburg----------	Dickson-----	W. C. Day-------	Statistical
31	Aug. 12-16---------1876	Hartsville----------	Dickson-----	W. C. Day-------	Secretary
32	Aug. 15-19---------1877	Blue River----------	Weaver-----	W. C. Day-------	----------
33	Aug. 14-18---------1878	Bethlehem, Wabash Co.----	Weaver-----	A. C. Wilmore---	----------
34	Aug. 20-24---------1879	Warrington----------	Weaver-----	A. C. Wilmore---	F. M. Moore
35	Aug. 17-22---------1880	Hartsville----------	Weaver-----	A. C. Wilmore---	L. N. Jones
36	Aug. 10-14---------1881	Salem, Howard Co.---------	Kephart-----	A. C. Wilmore---	L. N. Jones
37	July 27-31---------1882	Washington----------	Kephart-----	W. C. Day-------	L. N. Jones
38	Aug. 8-12---------1883	Gilead, Jay Co.----------	Kephart-----	A. C. Wilmore---	L. N. Jones
39	Aug. 6-10---------1884	Hartsville----------	Kephart-----	A. C. Wilmore---	I. M. Tharp
40	Aug. 12-16---------1885	Lincolnville----------	Castle------	A. C. Wilmore---	I. M. Tharp
41	Aug. 11-15---------1886	Blue River----------	Kephart-----	A. C. Wilmore---	D. O. Darling
42	Aug. 10-14---------1887	Selma, Delaware Co.-------	Weaver-----	N. D. Wolford---	D. O. Darling
43	Aug. 15-19---------1888	Hartsville----------	Dickson-----	N. D. Wolford---	D. O. Darling
44	Aug. 7-11---------1889	Sugar Grove, Hancock Co--	Kephart-----	D. O. Darling----	M. F. Dawson
45	Aug. 13-17---------1890	Salem, Howard Co.---------	Castle------	D. O. Darling----	M. F. Dawson
46	Aug. 19-23---------1891	Union, Noblesville---------	Weaver-----	D. O. Darling----	Prof. S. Wertz
47	Aug. 18-21---------1892	Honey Creek, Henry Co.----	Dickson-----	D. O. Darling----	Prof. S. Wertz
48	Aug. 23-27---------1893	New Lisbon, Henry Co.-----	Castle------	D. O. Darling----	Prof. S. Wertz
49	Aug. 29 Sept. 2--1894	South Wabash----------	Mills-------	D. O. Darling----	Professor Mobley
50	Aug. 28 Sept. 1--1895	Lapel, Madison Co.---------	Hott--------	D. O. Darling----	A. C. Wilmore
51	Aug. 26-30---------1896	Lincolnville----------	Kephart-----	D. O. Darling----	A. C. Wilmore
52	Sept. 1-6 ---------1897	Greentown----------	Weaver-----	M. F. Dawson----	Prof. S. Wertz
53	Aug. 31 Sept. 4--1898	Anderson----------	Castle------	M. F. Dawson----	Prof. S. Wertz
54	Aug. 30 Sept. 3--1899	Indianapolis----------	Weaver-----	M. F. Dawson----	Prof. S. Wertz
55	Aug. 29 Sept. 2--1900	South Wabash----------	Mills-------	M. F. Dawson----	Prof. S. Wertz
56	Sept. 4-9 ---------1901	Kokomo----------	Kephart-----	M. F. Dawson----	E. W. Collamore
57	Sept. 3-8 ---------1902	Marion----------	Kephart-----	M. F. Dawson----	E. W. Collamore
58	Sept. 2-7 ---------1903	Geneva----------	Kephart-----	M. F. Dawson----	Prof. S. Wertz
59	Aug. 31 Sept. 4--1904	Marion----------	Kephart-----	J. E. Shannon----	Prof. S. Wertz
60	Aug. 23-27---------1905	Muncie, Riverside---------	Mathews-----	J. E. Shannon----	Prof. S. Wertz
61	Aug. 22-26---------1906	Hartford City----------	Mathews-----	J. E. Shannon----	Prof. S. Wertz
62	Aug. 14-18---------1907	Anderson----------	Mathews-----	J. E. Shannon----	Prof. S. Wertz
63	Aug. 12-16---------1908	Richmond----------	Mathews-----	J. B. Parsons----	Prof. S. Wertz
64	Sept. 1-5 ---------1909	Red Key----------	Mathews-----	J. B. Parsons----	Prof. S. Wertz
65	Sept. 7-11---------1910	Indianapolis, Univ. Heights	Mathews-----	S. E. Long-------	M. K. Richardson
66	Aug. 30 Sept. 3--1911	Indianapolis, Univ. Heights	Mathews-----	M. F. Dawson----	Prof. S. Wertz
67	Aug. 28 Sept. 1--1912	Indianapolis, Univ. Heights	Mathews-----	M. F. Dawson----	Prof. S. Wertz
68	Aug. 27-31---------1913	Indianapolis, Univ. Heights	Fout--------	M. F. Dawson----	Prof. S. Wertz
69	Aug. 26-30---------1914	New Castle----------	Fout--------	M. F. Dawson----	Prof. S. Wertz
70	Aug. 25-29---------1915	Indianapolis, Univ. Heights	Fout--------	M. F. Dawson----	Prof. S. Wertz
71	Aug. 30 Sept. 3 1916	Wabash, First----------	Fout--------	M. F. Dawson----	Prof. S. Wertz
72	Aug. 29 Sept. 2--1917	Indianapolis, Univ. Heights	Fout--------	M. F. Dawson----	Prof. S. Wertz
73	Aug. 27 Sept. 1--1918	Portland----------	Fout--------	M. F. Dawson----	Prof. S. Wertz
74	Aug. 26-31---------1919	Indianapolis, Univ. Heights	Fout--------	M. F. Dawson----	Prof. S. Wertz
75	Aug. 31 Sept. 5--1920	Terre Haute----------	Fout--------	M. F. Dawson----	Prof. S. Wertz
76	Aug. 31 Sept. 3--1921	Anderson----------	Fout--------	M. F. Dawson----	Prof. S. Wertz
77	Aug. 29 Sept. 3--1922	Indianapolis, Univ. Heights	Fout--------	M. F. Dawson----	Prof. S. Wertz
78	Aug. 28 Sept. 2--1923	Columbus----------	Fout--------	M. F. Dawson----	Prof. S. Wertz
79	Sept. 2-7 ---------1924	Clay City----------	Fout--------	M. F. Dawson----	Prof. S. Wertz
80	Aug. 25-30---------1925	Indianapolis, Univ. Heights	Fout--------	M. F. Dawson----	Prof. S. Wertz

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IX SESSIONS OF UPPER WABASH CONFERENCE

No.	Date of Session	Place	State	Bishop	Secretary	
1	March 31–April 4 1859	Cross Roads Church, Vermilion County	Indiana	Edwards	J. Cowgill	
2	1860			Edwards	J. Cowgill	
3	March 14–18 1861	Snyder Church, Montgomery County	Indiana	Edwards	J. Cowgill	
4	March 6–10 1862	Concord	Indiana	Edwards	J. Cowgill	
5	September 11–15 1862	Otterbein Chapel, Parke County	Indiana	Edwards	J. Cowgill	
6	1863				J. Cowgill	
7	September 1–5 1864	Roaring Creek, Parke County	Indiana	Edwards	J. Cowgill	
8	August 24–28 1865	Perrysville	Indiana	Weaver	J. Cowgill	
9	August 29–31 1866	Knights Branch, Vermilion County	Illinois	Weaver	J. Cowgill	
10	August 28–31 1867	Harmony, Clay County	Indiana	Weaver	J. Cowgill	
11	August 26–30 1868	Shiloh Church, Montgomery County	Indiana	Weaver	J. Cowgill	
12	September 2–6 1869	Perrysville	Indiana	Edwards	J. Cowgill	
13	September 1870					
14	September 13–17 1871	Annapolis	Indiana	Edwards	A. S. Cobb	
15	August 28–31 1872	Mt. Carmel	Illinois	Edwards	J. Cowgill	
16	September 11–15 1873			Dickson	J. Cowgill	
17	1874				J. Cowgill	
18	September 8–12 1875	Green Hill	Indiana	Dickson	J. Cowgill	
19	September 13–17 1876	Sheldon	Illinois	Dickson	J. Cowgill	
20	August 29–31 1877	Marysville	Illinois	Weaver	J. W. Nye	J. H. Anderson
21	September 18–28 1878	Harveysburg	Indiana	Weaver	J. Cowgill	
22	September 24–28 1879	Mt. Zion Church, Newton County	Indiana	Weaver	J. Cowgill	
23	September 15–19 1880	Perrysville	Indiana	Weaver	J. Cowgill	
24	September 14–18 1881	Shiloh Church, Benton County	Indiana	Weaver	J. Cowgill	
25	September 13–17 1882	Veedersburg	Indiana	Weaver	J. Cowgill	
26	September 12–16 1883	Marysville	Illinois	Weaver	J. Cowgill	
27	September 10–14 1884	Chase	Indiana	Weaver	J. Cowgill	
28	September 16–20 1885	Mt. Zion Church, Montgomery County	Indiana	Kephart	J. Cowgill	
29	September 13–17 1886	Annapolis	Indiana	Castle	J. Cowgill	
30	September 14–18 1887	Green Hill	Indiana	Dickson	J. Cowgill	
31	September 19–23 1888	Sheldon	Illinois	Weaver	W. H. Sherrill	
32	September 18–22 1889	Newport	Indiana	Castle	W. H. Sherrill	
33	September 17–21 1890	Veedersburg	Indiana	Kephart	W. H. Sherrill	
34	September 16–20 1891	Potomac	Indiana	Dickson	W. H. Sherrill	
35	September 14–18 1892	Annapolis	Indiana	Weaver	W. H. Sherrill	
36	September 20–24 1893	Rossville	Illinois	Castle	W. H. Sherrill	
37	September 19–23 1894	Lebanon	Indiana	Kephart		
38	September 18–22 1895	Broadland	Illinois	Hott		
39	September 16–20 1896	Milford	Illinois	Mills	W. N. Coffman	
40	September 8–12 1897	Veedersburg	Indiana	Castle	W. N. Coffman	
41	September 7–11 1898	Brook	Indiana	Weaver	H. A. McBride	
42	September 6–10 1899	Potomac	Illinois	Castle	E. Fowler	
43	September 5–9 1900	Otterbein	Indiana	W. M. Bell, Pro tem	E. Fowler	
44	September 11–15 1901	Lebanon	Indiana	W. M. Weekley, Pro tem	E. Fowler	
45	September 3–7 1902	Rossville	Illinois	Mathews	E. Fowler	
46	September 2–6 1903	Morocco	Indiana	Mathews	E. Fowler	
47	August 24–28 1904	Otterbein	Indiana	Mathews	W. F. Hunt	
48	August 16–20 1905	Brook	Indiana	Mathews	M. K. Richardson	
49	August 15–19 1906	Veedersburg	Indiana	Mathews	M. K. Richardson	
50	August 28–31 1907	Danville	Illinois	Mathews	M. K. Richardson	
51	August 26–30 1908	Lebanon	Indiana	Mathews	M. K. Richardson	
52	August 11–12 1909	Veedersburg	Indiana	Mathews	M. K. Richardson	

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X SESSIONS OF LOWER WABASH CONFERENCE

No.	Date of Session	Place	State	Bishop	Secretary	
1	March 17–21 1859	Westfield	Illinois	Edwards	W. C. Smith	
2	March 22–26 1860	New Hebron	Illinois	Edwards	W. C. Smith	
3	March 21–25 1861	Vermilion, Edgar County	Illinois	Edwards	W. C. Smith	
4	March 13–17 1862	Westfield	Illinois	Edwards	W. C. Smith	
5	March 26–30 1863	Centerpoint, Clay County	Indiana	Edwards	W. C. Smith	S. Mills
6	March 31 1864	Vermilion	Illinois	W. C. Smith, Pro tem.	S. Mills	J. W. Nye
7	September 8–11 1864	New Hebron	Illinois	Edwards	S. Mills	J. W. Nye
8	September 7–10 1865	Parkersburg	Illinois	Weaver	S. Mills	G. W. Keller
9	August 22–25 1866	Westfield	Illinois	Weaver	S. Mills	J. W. Nye
10	August 21–24 1867	Prairieton	Indiana	Weaver	S. Mills	J. W. Nye
11	August 19–23 1868	Vermilion	Illinois	Weaver	S. Mills	
12	August 19–22 1869	Westfield	Illinois	Edwards	S. Mills	J. W. Nye
13	September 14–17 1870	New Hebron	Illinois	Edwards	W. Ross	W. C. Smith
14	September 6–9 1871	Terre Haute	Indiana	Edwards	J. H. Ross	S. Mills
15	August 21–24 1872	New Goshen	Indiana	Edwards	S. Mills	R. L. Brengle
16	September 4–7 1873	Westfield	Illinois	Dickson	S. Mills	R. L. Brengle
17	October 8–11 1874	Prairieton	Indiana	Dickson	S. Mills	W. H. Long
18	September 29-October 2 1875	Vermilion	Illinois	Dickson	S. Mills	
19	October 4–7 1876	Middlebury, Clay County	Indiana	Dickson	S. Mills	R. L. Brengle
20	September 26–29 1877	Centerpoint	Indiana	Weaver	S. Mills	W. Long
21	October 9–12 1878	Westfield	Illinois	Weaver	S. Mills	R. L. Brengle
22	October 15–18 1879	Vermilion	Illinois	Weaver	S. Mills	
23	October 6–10 1880	Centerpoint	Indiana	Weaver	S. Mills	
24	September 28–31 1881	New Goshen	Indiana	Kephart	S. Mills	R. L. Brengle
25	September 6–10 1882	Parkersburg	Illinois	Kephart	S. Mills	
26	September 19–23 1883	Westfield	Illinois	Kephart	S. Mills	
27	September 17–21 1884	New Hebron	Illinois	Kephart	S. Mills	
28	September 30 1885	Redmon, Edgar County	Illinois	Castle	S. Mills	W. R. Muncie
29	September 29–31 1886	Centerpoint	Indiana	Kephart	S. Mills	W. R. Muncie
30	September 28–31 1887	New Hebron	Illinois	Weaver	S. Mills	W. R. Muncie
31	September 26–30 1888	Westfield	Illinois	Dickson	S. Mills	W. R. Muncie
32	September 25–29 1889	Clay City	Indiana	Kephart	S. Mills	
33	September 24–28 1890	Paris	Illinois	Castle	S. Mills	
34	August 26–30 1891	Westfield	Illinois	Weaver	S. Mills	
35	August 31–September 4 1892	Clay City	Indiana	Dickson	S. Mills	
36	August 30–September 3 1893	Terre Haute, First Church	Indiana	Hott	S. Mills	
37	August 29–September 2 1894	Westfield	Illinois	Castle	S. Mills	
38	August 28–31 1895	Oblong	Illinois	Kephart	L. H. Cooley	
39	September 9–13 1896	Paris	Illinois	Mills	L. H. Cooley	
40	September 22–26 1897	Clay City	Indiana	Weaver	L. H. Cooley	
41	September 21–25 1898	Terre Haute, First Church	Indiana	Castle	L. H. Cooley	
42	August 30–September 3 1899	Westfield	Illinois	Castle	L. H. Cooley	
43	September 5–9 1900	Olney	Illinois	Weaver	L. H. Cooley	
44	August 4 1901	Casey	Illinois	Bell, Pro tem	L. H. Cooley	
45	August 27–31 1902	Oblong	Illinois	Mathews	L. H. Cooley	
46	August 26–30 1903	Terre Haute, First Church	Indiana	Mathews	L. H. Cooley	
47	August 17–21 1904	Mount Vernon	Illinois	Mathews	L. H. Cooley	
48	September 6–10 1905	Olney	Illinois	Mathews	E. Boley	
49	August 29–September 2 1906	Westfield	Illinois	Mathews	A. D. Markley	
50	August 21–25 1907	Terre Haute, First Church	Indiana	Mathews	A. D. Markley	
51	August 19–23 1908	Paris	Illinois	Mathews	A. D. Markley	

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